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GREAT BRITAIN.

Newspaper Election Reports—More Serious Riots.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The *Times* this morning gives the following as the result of the elections thus far, for members of the new House of Commons:

Liberals	310
Conservatives	168
Liberal majority	142

The *Daily News*, a Liberal journal, says the Liberal majority so far is 146. Dispatches have been received announcing the election of CHAS. BUXTON, Liberal, from Surrey East; Mr. W. JOHNSTON, Conservative, for Belfast, Ireland; Sir R. BLENNERHASSETT and Viscount ST. LAWRENCE, both Liberals, from Galwayboro, and Lord J. MANNERS, Conservative, from Leicestershire North. The following Liberal candidates have been defeated: The Marquis of Hartington, for Lancashire Northwest, and Right Hon. C. HORSMAN, for Stroud.

Serious riots have occurred at various places in the Kingdom during the elections. At Sligo, in Ireland, there was a quite formidable outbreak, and before it was quelled ten houses were sacked by the mob. There was also a scene of violence at the little town of Ripley, in Derbyshire. A sharp fight occurred and many persons were injured by clubs and stones in the hands of the rioters. The mob partially demolished several buildings, including the Vicarage.

Mr. Gladstone Nominated to Parliament.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 21.

At the Lancashire nomination of members of Parliament, Hon. WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE was declared to have the majority on a show of hands.

The Alabama Claims—Attentions to the Chinese Embassy.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 21.

It is announced to-day that Lord STANLEY has acceded to the modification of the *Alabama* settlement, which permits the Commission to sit in Washington. Hon. ANSON BURLINGAME and the other members of the Chinese Embassy were yesterday taken in a special train from this city to Windsor, conveyed to the Castle in the Queen's carriages, and promptly presented to the Queen by Lord STANLEY.

Proposed Celebration of the Anniversary of the Fenian Executions.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 21.

Attempts have been made to organize anniversary obsequies, in commemoration of the hanging of the Manchester Fenians, in this city and Dublin to-morrow. The proceedings will doubtless prove abortive, through the action of the Government officials.

Choice of Chancellor of the Edinburgh University.

EDINBURGH, Saturday, Nov. 21.

Lord Justice INGLIS was to-day chosen Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, over Hon. WM. E. GLADSTONE.

The Egyptian Cotton Crop.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The crop of Egyptian cotton this year will aggregate 2,000,000 cantars.

ITALY.

The Vesuvius Eruption—The Town of San Giorgo in Danger.

NAPLES, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius is increasing in violence. Many houses and farms in the vicinity have been utterly destroyed. The market town of San Giorgo is in imminent danger.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Release of Fenians on Bail at Ottawa—The Case of Whalen.

OTTAWA, Canada, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The Fenian prisoners in jail here under the *Habeas Corpus* Suspension act are to be liberated on bail at once. BUCKLEY, DOYLE and KENSELLA, indicted as accessories to the murder of Hon. D'ARCY MCGEE, will not be liberated. The notorious WHALEN was removed from jail last night under a writ of *habeas corpus*, to be present in the Toronto Court at the argument on application for a new trial in his case. He was heavily ironed and handcuffed, and on the way to the station he indulged, as usual, in profane and reckless remarks. He will return to jail here, whatever the decision of the Court may be.

Continuation of the Financial Panic in New-Brunswick.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Saturday, Nov. 21.

The financial panic continues unabated. The notes of the Yarmouth BANK, of Nova Scotia, and of the Prince Edward's Island Bank, have both been refused to-day. St. Stephen Bank notes are selling at thirty-five per cent. discount, and Commercial at thirty per cent. discount. The chances of either bank resuming payment are considered remote.

The Repeal Controversy—Desertion of a Naval Officer in Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, Saturday, Nov. 21.

Judge MARSHALL publishes another letter in reply to Mr. HOWE, containing little of interest. It is stated that prominent Repealers have endeavored to dissuade Mr. HOWE from publishing his change of policy, but in vain. Lieut. FORTH, of Her Britannic Majesty's ship *Constance*, has deserted, taking with him a considerable sum of the mess money. The Manchester embezzlers left yesterday for England, in charge of detective officers.

Close of the Morton and Thompson Extradition Case.

TORONTO, Ontario, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The arguments in the Morton and Thompson extradition case, for robbing the Merchants' Union Express Company, were heard to-day before Judge HAGGERTY and Justices WILSON and GWYNNE, of the Court of Common Pleas. The decision was reserved. The prisoners were ordered back to Sandwich Jail.

Cruel Treatment of Prisoners in Delaware—Torture at the Whipping Post.

NEWCASTLE, Del., Saturday, Nov. 21.

To-day, in the jail yard, seven persons, convicted of various petty offences, were tied to the post and whipped. One of these was a man 70 years of age, who received twenty lashes upon his bare back. He cried bitterly during the whole ordeal. Two boys, about 12 years of age, were flogged with twenty lashes each, for petty offences. One man was placed in the pillory until he was totally helpless from the cold, and was then whipped with twenty lashes. Each of the criminals, after receiving the barbarous punishment, was returned to prison, to remain there six months, after which they will also have to wear convicts dress in public for another half year.

CUBA.

Rumors and Reports Concerning the Movements of the Revolutionists.

HAVANA, Saturday, Nov. 21.

Many rumors are in circulation in the city in regard to the numbers and position of the revolutionists. The insurrectionists claim that they have from ten to twelve thousand men, and that they are in possession of the town of Puerto Principe; but the reports are doubted in this city. It is stated that a disagreement has broken out among the leaders of the insurrection in regard to the Presidency. The Commanding-General and the principal leaders of the revolutionists are reported to be Dominicans. The report received here from Spain, stating that Gen. PRIM advocates the Bourbon dynasty, causes much rejoicing among the ultra royalists. Battalions of volunteers, principally veterans, are organizing for active service in the field. The revolutionists still hold possession of Bayamo and other towns. There is considerable excitement in this city and the surrounding country. The revolution is thought to be decreasing, and the general opinion is that it will die out on the arrival of the troops expected from Spain. The Cuban Republicans claim that the revolutionists are daily receiving reinforcements; but the information received by the Government through private letters is to the contrary. It is reported that great suffering exists in the revolutionary district on account of the scarcity of provisions. The reported uprising in Vuelta Abajo proves to be a *canard*. All accounts agree that the main portion of the revolutionists are badly armed and want ammunition. Telegrams received by the Government to-day state that Puerto Principe continues in possession of the Government troops, with VALMASEDA commanding. VALMASEDA ridicules the idea of his being attacked by the revolutionists, but, on the contrary, says he has commenced operations against them.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Particulars of the Wreck of the Hellespont—Arrival of the Survivors at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The particulars of the wreck of the American ship *Hellespont* are as follows: The Captain was unable, on account of the thick weather, to take observations for three days previous to the disaster. The ship went ashore at 5 o'clock on the morning of November 19, off Pigeon Point, a short distance from the place where the iron ship *Coya* was wrecked, in 1866. A few minutes after striking, the *Hellespont* went to pieces and disappeared. CORNELIUS SOULE, Captain; CHARLES A. WILSON, first mate, and nine seamen, were drowned. HENRY FLEMING, second mate; FREDERICK WILSON, MICHAEL JOHNSTON, JAMES GREEN, CHARLES WILSON, GEORGE THOMAS and CHARLES BROWN were saved. The survivors reached this city, with the exception of HENRY FLEMING, who is still at Pescadero, in a critical condition from wounds received at the catastrophe. The *Hellespont* was seventy-nine days out from Newcastle, N. S. W., laden with coal for this port. The vessel and cargo are a total loss. A lighthouse at Pigeon Point would have prevented this and previous marine disasters. The building of such a house is contemplated.

Sailing of the Panama Steamer—Mining Matters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The steamer *Colorado* sailed to-day for Panama with $191,000 in treasure, $71,000 of which is for New-York, and $105,000 for England. Senator EUGENE CASSERLY is a passenger.

THE INDIANS.

The Strength of the Expedition Against the Hostile Tribes—Gen. Sheridan to Command in Person.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Nov. 21.

A letter to the *Democrat*, dated Port Hayes, the 15th inst., says, the entire force in the field against the Indians is GOV. CRAWFORD's (of Kansas) Cavalry, is 1,500 strong, seven companies of the Fifth Cavalry, eleven companies of the Seventh Cavalry, four companies of the Tenth Cavalry, one company of the Thirtieth Infantry, (colored,) one company of the Third Infantry, FORSYTH's scouts, amounting in all to about 3,000 men. There is part of a regiment at Fort Wallace—probably a reserve—and quite a force coming from the southwest to join Gen. SULLY's command, now moving south, toward the Arkansas and Candian Rivers. It is reported that quite a large number of the Indians will also join the expedition. The principal hostile tribes are the Arapahoes, Apaches, Kiowas, Camanches and a mixed outlawed band, called Dog Soldiers. Among the latter are many white desperadoes. The Dog Soldiers are now scattered about the headwaters of the stream north of Smoky Hill, and will probably remain north of the railroad all Winter. The other four tribes are south of the Arkansas River, where they will build their lodges for the Winter. They can muster from 3,000 to 5,000 warriors, all armed with carbines and revolvers, in addition to their arrows and knives, and are well supplied with ammunition.

Gen. SHERIDAN will command the expedition in person. The plan is to attack the Indians in their Winter quarters, destroy their lodges and everything they have, take away their arms, and force all those that escape slaughter to live on reservations below the Arkansas. The destination of the expedition will probably be Sand Plains, south of the Arkansas, making that point a base of supplies. Gen. SHERIDAN has a large supply of extra horses and the best outfit that has ever taken the field or plains. If he can prevent the Indians from breaking up into small bands and coming North, he can give them a very severe punishment, but if they elude him after the first attack and reach the railroad in raiding parties, they can do immense damage, as there will be but a small force along the route to protect it.

Gen. SHERIDAN left Fort Hayes on the 15th, and will overtake his force near Walnut Creek. He will then move to the Indian country, but will not commence active operations for some weeks.

PATRICK MCDONOUGH and THOMAS CURLEY have brought suits, one for $10,000 and the other for $5,000, against DAVID NICHOLSON, for injuries received by the falling of the walls of the latter's building a short time since.

D. H. ARMSTRONG has sued the city for $20,000, the alleged value of some land taken by the city for street purposes.

The Excitement in Bear River City—Martial Law Proclaimed—Twenty of the Mob Killed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Saturday, Nov. 21.

Late dispatches from Bear River City, Utah, state that the city is now quiet under martial law, and business is going on as usual. It is reported that twenty of the mob are dead and thirty-five wounded—two mortally. A citizen named ARMSTRONG was shot dead. A dispatch dated 9 o'clok, last night says: The mob collected in the mountains and sent for a physician to attend the wounded, and sent back word by the physician advising the women and children to leave the town, as they intended to march on it four hundred strong and burn it. The Mayor telegraphed to Fort Bridger for troops, which are expected to-morrow.

Large Fire and Loss of Life in Lowell, Mass.

LOWELL, Mass., Saturday, Nov. 21.

A fire at Nos. 96 and 98 Merrimack-street, this morning, badly damaged the building, which is owned by JOHN NESMITH; destroyed S. R. FLETCHER's bonnet bleachery, and damaged the boot and shoe stock of ELDRIDGE DEARBORN. The loss is $3,000 or $4,000. The property was partially insured. Three persons, who lodged in the upper stories, were suffocated, but not burned. Their names are MICHAEL B. GAFFNEY, aged 20 years, a temporary lodger; SYBIL SHACKFORD, aged 15, recently from Ellsworth, Me.; and a stranger, supposed to be GEORGE MAHANY, a jeweler, recently from Boston.

Fenian Excitement in Chicago—The Catholic Bishop Refuses to Celebrate the Anniversary of the "Manchester Martyrs."

CHICAGO, Saturday, Nov. 21.

The Committee on the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs met last night. A delegation was chosen to wait on Bishop DUGGAN, and request that a requiem mass be celebrated for the repose of the souls of the martyrs ALLEN, O'BRIEN and LARKIN. They report that the Bishop refuses to comply with the request, on the principle that he did not wish to have the Church brought into connection with any political party. He had always refused to countenance Fenianism, and that movement had a Fenian tendency, though not gotten up by either branch of the Brotherhood here. The following resolution was passed by the Committee:

Resolved, That we deprecate the conduct of Bishop DUGGAN, and regret his refusal to grant his permission to have the anniversary requiem mass offered up for the souls of our martyred brothers; that we feel as if our rights as Catholic Irishmen are outraged; that no influence can quench the Heaven-born spirit of liberty inherent in our nature, and implanted there by our Creator, nor smother the sympathy we feel toward those who have laid down their lives for those principles which are so firmly implanted in the Irish heart.

FORTRESS MONROE.

Ordnance Experiments by the Engineer's Department.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Friday, Nov. 20.

The experimental firing, under the direction of the United States Engineer's Department, was inaugurated to-day, a large number of army officers being present, among whom were Gens. DELAFIELD, HUMPHREYS, BARNARD, CULLUM, BENHAM, SIMPSON, TOWER, WRIGHT, DIMICK, NEWTON, THOM, STEWART, GILMORE, CASEY, REESE, HAGEN and Col. KING, of the Ordnance Department, and Gens. BARRY, BREMERTON and ROBERTS, of this post.

The firing was conducted by Col. T. G. BAYLOR, assisted by Major W. S. BEEBE and Capt. POLAND. There are three different kinds of targets here, all of the latest and most improved patterns. The Engineers' Department has been engaged upon them for some months past, and they were models of neatness and strength. The largest one was made of granite, and had a small embrasure about four feet from the ground, and is said to have been erected upon the same plan as the "Rip Raps," or more properly Fort Wool. It is of strong stone work, and supported upon each side by heavy abutments. The second one is composed of a heavy wrought-iron embrasure, composed of two heavy plates of wrought iron over a foot in thickness, and firmly riveted together, the back supported by heavy masonry. The parapet on one side of this embrasure was composed of concrete, while the other was common earthwork. The third target is composed of brick, stone, and heavy wrought-iron plates, and is supposed to represent the casemate. It is thought to be the strongest one of the three. The firing was commenced on the target first described, with a thirteen-inch smooth bore gun, the shot being of steel, and weighing about 320 pounds. The object was to strike the target at the embrasure, or near it, thus dismounting or disabling any piece that might have been planted behind it. The first shot was well aimed and just grazed the side of the target, going through it and landing safely in the sand. The second was a little higher, striking above the upper right-hand corner of the embrasure, and did an immense amount of damage, sending large pieces of granite, which would weigh from 200 to 300 pounds, some thirty to forty feet to the rear. The fourth and last shot fired at this target was from a fifteen-inch gun, and struck the target between the embrasure and the ground, tearing an immense hole in it. They made these experiments from a distance of 1,000 yards. They next tried the embrasure of plate wrought iron, the one proposed by Gen. BARNARD. The first shot, from a 13-inch smooth bore gun, struck the iron plate fairly in the centre, nearly burying itself, smashing the bolts, and completely demolishing that side of the work. A second shot from the 12-inch rifle, which arrived here a few days since, was fired at the opposite side of this work, striking it fairly, and knocking it to pieces. The shot weighed over 600 pounds, and was fired from a distance of 500 yards. This concluded the day's firing, and was highly satisfactory to all present.

The experiments will continue for some days, and it is expected that Gen. GRANT and the Secretary of War will arrive to-morrow, to witness them.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Saturday, Nov. 21.

Gens. HUMPHREY, DELAFIELD, GILMORE, COMSTOCK and BENHAM, Cols. CASEY and HOUSTON, and Majors KING and MAYER, are here witnessing the experiments with heavy artillery. They will leave to-night for the North.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BUFFALO, Nov. 21.—Col. J. WHITEHEAD BYRON, late of the Eighty-eighth Regiment N. Y. S. V., who distinguished himself during the late civil war as commander of the Irish Brigade after its consolidation, and at present a prominent member of the Fenian Brotherhood, has just been appointed Brigadier-General in the United States Army by President JOHNSON. The *Fenian Volunteer* of this week contains a lengthy biography of GEN. BYRON.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 21.—The directors of the Board of Trade were in session here to-day, looking to a public meeting early next week on the subject of cheap transportation, the Niagara Ship Canal, &c.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 21.—NEWELL A. FOSTER, proprietor of the Portland *Press*, died suddenly in Boston yesterday. He was a member elect of the Maine Legislature, and an influential and respected citizen.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 21.—DR. HORACE B. WAKEFIELD, Superintendent of the State Almshouse at Monson, was arrested to-day for the illegal detention of an inmate. The trial will take place in about a week.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 21.—A. J. HOUGH committed suicide to-day by shooting himself in the eye with a pistol.

WASHINGTON.

The Paraguayan Affair—Dispatches from Rear-Admiral Davis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Saturday, Nov. 21.

The Navy Department is to-day in receipt of voluminous dispatches from Rear-Admiral DAVIS, commanding the South Atlantic Squadron, giving full particulars of the expedition of the United States steamer *Wasp* to Paraguay to relieve Minister WASHBURN, together with letters giving much information as to the situation of affairs. The dispatches are of such a nature that they cannot be made public. It may be mentioned, however, that nothing appears to justify the apprehensions expressed in the papers as to the treatment of Mr. BLISS and another member of the Legation. As will be seen by the following extract from Commander KIRKLAND's letter, Mr. WASHBURN and family were received on board the *Wasp* on the 10th of September, that vessel remaining at her anchorage until the 12th, her Commander in the meantime having had a friendly interview with LOPEZ:

"On the morning of the 9th, at 1 A. M., I received the letter No. 19 from His Excellency, Mr. WASHBURN. On the 10th of September I received on board from a Paraguayan steamer Hon. CHARLES A. WASHBURN, his wife, child, Private Secretary, man servant and maid servant. On the 11th I called on President LOPEZ at his headquarters back of Viletta, and took leave of him. He expressed the utmost desire to be on friendly relations with the United States; deploring at the same time, what he termed the unprincipled conduct of Mr. WASHBURN. I thanked him for his feeling toward the United States, but declined to discuss the action of Mr. WASHBURN. I requested him to send a vessel with a flag of truce to escort the *Wasp* as far as the Brazilian iron-clads, anchored below the batteries of Angostura. This he cheerfully assented to. I feel bound to add that the Paraguayans treated this vessel in the most hospitable manner, furnishing fresh beef every day, and fruit for all hands on several occasions. In their intercourse with us they were excessively civil. On the morning of the 12th I received the letter No. 20 from the Paraguayan Naval Commander, and left Viletta accompanied by a Paraguayan steamer carrying a flag of truce at the fore, as far as the Guardia of Palma, where I found the advanced division of the Brazilian squadron."

Commander KIRKLAND speaks Spanish as fluently as English, which some of our representatives abroad do not; and was thus enabled to conduct all his negotiations intelligently, and to arrive at a clear understanding of the views of LOPEZ. Rear-Admiral DAVIS, as will be seen by the annexed letter, will accompany our newly-appointed Minister, Gen. MCMAHON, to Paraguay, and it cannot be doubted but that in the hands of both these officers the honor and interests of the United States will be protected:

UNITED STATES FLAGSHIP GUERRIERE,
RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 26, 1868.

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that I have invited Gen. MCMAHON, the Minister to Paraguay, and his family, to take passage in this ship to the La Plata. I have already said in my communication, No. 135, current series, that I shall accompany him to Paraguay. I shall confer freely with Mr. WORTHINGTON, the Minister to the Argentine Republic and Uruguay, from whom I shall no doubt obtain information which will serve to modify and mature my plans of proceedings. I shall keep the Department constantly and fully advised of my actions.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. N. DAVIS,
Rear-Admiral Commanding S. A. Squadron.
To Hon. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The following assignments of officers of Engineer Corps are announced:

Brevet Major AMOS STICKNEY is relieved from duty at Willett's Point, New-York Harbor, and ordered to St. Paul, Minn. Capt. ALEXANDER MACKENZIE is relieved from duty at Milwaukee, and ordered to Willett's Point. Brevet Lieut.-Col. FRANCIS A. FARQUHAR is relieved from duty at Detroit, and directed to proceed to Milwaukee and relieve Col. WHEELER of the charge of the river and harbor improvement works. Brevet Col. F. E. PRIME is ordered to New-Orleans, to relieve Brevet Brig.-Gen. M. D. MCALLISTER of the public works with which he is charged; MCALLISTER is ordered to Oswego, to relieve Col. BLUNT of the charge of all the fortification works, &c., under his control. Col. BLUNT, when relieved, will proceed to Key West, relieving Brevet Brig.-Gen. SIMPSON of the charge of Forts Jefferson and Taylor.

CURRENCY STATEMENT.

Amount of fractional currency issued from the Printing Division of the Treasury Department during the week ending to-day, $561,982.

Shipments.

To the Assistant Treasurer at Boston	$100,000
To the Assistant Treasurer at New-Orleans	100,000
To the U. S. Depository at Cincinnati	100,000
To the National Banks	365,368
The Treasurer holds in trust for the National Banks as security for circulation	$41,566,604
And as security for public deposits	36,073,050
National Bank currency issued during the week	159,030
Total to date	$10,728 296
Mutilated bills returned	9,931,620
Insolvent bank notes redeemed	890,287
Actual circulation at this date	299,901,389
Fractional currency redeemed and destroyed during the week	500,300

PERSONAL.

Hon. JOHN S. PENDLETON, a former member of Congress from the Seventh District of Virginia, and Minister to Chili, &c., died at his home, near Culpepper Court-house, on Thursday last.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

Arrival of the steamship Arizona from Aspinwall—$294,721 in Specie.

The steamship *Arizona*, which left Aspinwall Nov. 13, reached this port yesterday with the subjoined

TREASURE LIST.

Dabney, Morgan & Co.	$85,148 65	FROM ASPINWALL. S. L. Isaacs	$1,700 00
Moritz Meyer	83,823 30	Trevor & Colgate	1,547 00
Eugene Kelly & Co.	15,700 00		
Lees & Waller	15,102 37½	Grand Total	$294,721 32
Wells, Fargo & Co.	5,700 00		
Total	$291,474 32½		

United States of Colombia—Unsettled Condition of Affairs.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PANAMA, Friday, Nov. 13, 1868.

We have no local news of importance, and indeed nothing new from any quarter. The South and Central American mails are not due till the 19th.

We have heard nothing from the expedition of the acting President of the State, Gen. CORREOSO, since my last; but we are momentarily expecting news from the Department of Chiriqui, in this State, which is the headquarters of the rebellion against him. The result is somewhat doubtful, as his opponent is said to have about the same number of men in arms.

The President of the State still insists upon collecting a double tax from the foreign and native merchants for war purposes, and the Consuls still insist that their countrymen shall not pay it. The question will very soon be tested, as the acting President, MENDOZA, is expecting orders in a day or two from CORREOSO as to whether he shall exact the double tax.

The Government is snatching up every negro and Indian in the streets for the war, and great alarm prevails among the inhabitants of this city in consequence of the hourly reports that a rising will take place among the Conservatives. A plot of the Conservatives to seize the war steamer *Bolivar*, now in this harbor, and belonging to the nation, has already been frustrated by timely information. It was intended that if CORREOSO returned victorious, on the little steamer *Montijo*, with his 500 men, to send the latter down with the *Bolivar* and drown the whole lot. And had the plan succeeded it would have been a nice thing for Panama, as the friends of CORREOSO among us would probably have avenged him and his negro soldiers by cutting the throats of half our population.

In this sad state of thing we have only the old *Cyane* here, with fifty men and officers. The Admiral was sent for some weeks since, but Lima and Valparaiso are much pleasanter places for Admirals than Panama, and we hardly expect him to answer our call. The United States gunboat *Fenix* arrived at Aspinwall this morning. The *Gettysburg*, now there, will soon leave for the United States.

GEN. GRANT.

His Visit to Philadelphia—Reception at the Union League Club—A Scene at the Opera.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer, Nov. 21.

The arrival of Gen. GRANT in this city on Thursday evening was mentioned in yesterday's *Inquirer*, and below will be found a statement of his movements yesterday. Directly after breakfast he proceeded in company with A. E. BOYLE, Esq., to the residence of Hon. HORACE BINNEY, on Fourth-street, below Walnut, and spent half an hour in social converse with that gentleman, between whom and Gen. GRANT there exists a warm personal regard. The General walked to Mr. BINNEY's residence, and managed to escape notice along the street, but he had not the same good fortune on his return to the hotel, for he was recognized near the corner of Sixth and Chesnut streets, and in a very few minutes a large crowd gathered, as the cry of "Grant—Grant" spread among the people. The General found himself so closely pressed by the throng, each of whom was desirous of taking him by the hand, or getting a good square look at his face, that he was compelled to take refuge in a dry-goods store in the neighborhood, where he remained until he could take a carriage, in which he was rapidly driven off. The General then proceeded to the residence of Mr. POTTER, the keeper of the mansion presented to him, (Gen. GRANT,) on Chesnut-street, above Nineteenth, by citizens of Philadelphia. Mr. POTTER is very sick, and is a personal friend of the General's, and the visit was simply to sympathize with him in his protracted illness. These were the only two out-door calls made by the General, and he remained at the Continental in his rooms until 5 o'clock in the evening, when, in company with Mrs. GRANT, Gen. DENT, Gen. BADEAU and Mr. BOKER, carriages were taken, and the party proceeded to the Union League House, in response to a special invitation extended by members of the League, to partake of a private dinner at that place. A committee of the Union League, of which Gen. JOSHUA T. OWEN was Chairman, proceeded to New-York during the early part of the week, for the express purpose of inviting the General to the dinner last evening. During yesterday afternoon the General was called on by several hundred ladies and gentlemen, and the table in his room was completely covered with cards of the visiting parties. Among these cards were the following: Ex-GOV. A. G. Curtin, Senator Alex. G. Cattell, Hon. Leonard Myers, Hon. Charles O'Neill, George H. Stuart, Col. A. K. McClure, George H. Boker, D. W. McKibben, U. S. A., J. J. Crittley, U. S. A., Gen. D. H. Bucker, Quartermaster-General; Gen. Torbet, George H. Crosman, John Rice, John S. Cunningham, Paymaster U. S. A.; Col. John W. Forney, Gen. C. H. T. Collis, Bishop Simpson, Jay Cooke, C. Stuart Patterson, James H. Orne, Galusha A. Grow, Aubrey H. Smith, Hon. William D. Kelley, Col. S. B. Wylie Mitchell, Lorin Blodgett, Alexander Cummings, J. C. Biddle, Charles H. T. Ealing, Capt. Stimmel, U. S. N., Capt. Forney, U. S. Marines. The majority of the gentlemen who called to pay their respects were accompanied by their ladies, and in some instances their entire families. The General received his visitors with quiet cordiality, and had a pleasant word for everybody.

The General never looked better in his life. He presents a remarkably fresh, healthy appearance, and our reporter noted an entire absence of the anxious, care-worn look he formerly had, particularly when he had his headquarters at City Point.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AT THE UNION LEAGUE.

The General and suit reached the Union League House shortly after 5 o'clock, and received a cordial though informal reception at the hands of the members of the League present. After a general introduction all around, the company retired to the dining-room and partook of dinner. In the absence of Mayor MCMICHAEL, ADOLPHE E. BORIE, Esq., presided. After the removal of the cloth, the health of Gen. GRANT was proposed and drank amid a scene of great enthusiasm; but, owing to a definite understanding no speeches were made, and the General himself was even spared the task of replying briefly to the toast given in his honor. The dinner was conducted without any ceremony, and was remarkably private in its character. About fifty guests sat at the table, among whom were Senator Alexander G. Cattell, George H. Stuart, Henry C. Carey, Hon. Galusha A. Grow, M. Hall Stanton, Col. John W. Forney, Congressmen Charles O'Neil, Leonard Myers and William D. Kelley, Gen. Joshua T. Owen, Wayne McVeagh, Gen. Selfridge, Ex-Sheriff Howell, William D. Lewis, John F. Verree, George H. Boker, John Rice, William A. Leeds, C. J. Hoffman, Major Samuel Ball, Gen. Gideon Clark, Jacob Reigel, J. E. Addicks, A. C. Knight, E. A. Souder and others. About 8:30 o'clock the party left the dinner table, and the General proceeded to the reception room of the League House, when he was introduced to a large number of the members who were not fortunate enough to be present at the dinner. The dinner table was again resorted to after the reception mentioned, and a general *levee* occurred, during which the Republican Invincibles and a number of the "Boys in Blue," under the guidance of Gen. OWEN, STEPHEN T. SOUDER, A. P. COLESBURY and GEORGE TRUMAN, Jr., made their appearance in front of the League House, accompanied by the Invincibles' band. As it was raining in torrents at the time, the contemplated serenade in front of the League House was dispensed with, and the band and the accompanying party were invited inside, where the band played a number of pieces.

THE GENERAL AT THE OPERA.

About 10:30 o'clock the President elect, accompanied by Gen. DENT, Gen. BADEAU, and some members of the Union League, proceeded to the Academy of Music just in time to witness a portion of the last act of "La Belle Helene," performed by BATEMAN'S Opera Bouffe Troupe. The General was escorted to the private box, where he had not been seated over a minute or two, when the audience caught sight of him, and a scene of great enthusiasm at once ensued. The audience cheered, ladies waved their handkerchiefs, and the excitement was so great that the performance had to be temporarily stopped. The General bowed his acknowledgments and the performance then went on, but the enthusiasm broke out afresh when the curtain went down, and the General was followed out of the Academy by at least one-half the audience, who cheered him lustily until he drove off in a carriage which was in waiting. The General will leave for Washington to-day.

BURNING OF A LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Destruction by Fire of the Ohio Lunatic Asylum at Columbus—Six Patients Burned to Death.

From the Ohio Statesman, Nov. 20.

Never in the history of Columbus was there such a conflagration as that at the Lunatic Asylum, of which we gave a hasty and necessarily partial account yesterday, as all sorts of rumors were flying, and we did not wish to give more than the facts. Paying a visit to the ruins, yesterday, we were enabled to gather many important particulars, and have time to relate besides what we heard and saw.

THE FIRE.

The fire broke out about 9:30 o'clock. It was first discovered in one of the rooms at the northeast corner of the east wing of the building. This east wing was devoted entirely to the use of the female patients, and the ward or section where the fire originated contained some fifty of them. Fifteen minutes before all that portion of the building was in flames, the attendant having that section in charge, passed through it, and there was no signs of fire, smell of smoke, or other indication of danger. Quick as flash it must have spread, for, by the time the engines arrived on the ground, though the flames did not show through the roof, the interior was so filled with smoke and fire as to threaten death to any one who should attempt to penetrate it. The major portion of the inmates had not yet retired, but in the ward where the fire originated, some of the most mischievous were, and some sick ones. All efforts to induce these to leave their rooms were unavailing, and the few citizens who had reached the place, and the attendants, were obliged, at the risk of their own lives, to rush in and drag them from the horrible fate that awaited them. The roar of the flames, the rolling clouds of smoke, now black as night and again lit with a lurid glare; the cries, screams, shouts, laughter and singing of the demented women, whose madness seemed increased by the wild and exciting scenes around them, made up a picture terrible to look upon. By and by came word that some were dying in their rooms suffocated in the smoke, and others raving and struggling to free themselves from their confinement. Then some of our citizens, assisted by the janitors, carried them out and placed them on the floor. During the argument of his attorney respecting the admissibility of certain communications made by him he became exceedingly uneasy, evidently fearing lest he would have to divulge the very things he most desired to keep in the background. When the Judge sustained the objection against such testimony going to the jury he breathed freer, and seemed to brighten up somewhat, but left the stand with the air of a man who already felt the first warnings of a rapidly approaching horrible doom. By his own confession, as appears in his statement, he places a very heavy weight upon the testimony of MCKANNA, and, no doubt, if convicted, will charge upon him the responsibility of it, as it supplied, if the jury believe it, the very kind of testimony needed by the prosecution to make out a perfect case.

MURDER TRIAL.

Trial of Louis Davis at Cleveland, Ohio, for the Murder of David P. Skinner, in September last.

We published recently the confession of ROBERT MCKANNA, who, with LOUIS R. DAVIS, is now on trial at Cleveland, Ohio, for the murder of DAVID P. SKINNER, near that city on the 12th of September last. It will be recollected that the murderers, four in number, with handkerchiefs tied over their faces, rushed into Mr. SKINNER's house at night for the purpose of robbery, and deliberately shot Mr. SKINNER, in the presence of his wife and two other persons. On Wednesday last, during the progress of the trial, MCKANNA asked to be placed on the witness stand, and, having been sworn, gave a circumstantial account of the doings of the four murderers that night, and charging DAVIS with having fired the fatal shot. This confession, given in open Court and in presence of a large assemblage of spectators, created scarcely less excitement than did the murder of Mr. SKINNER. On the following day DAVIS made the subjoined statement under oath:

STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF THE DEFENDANT, LOUIS R. DAVIS.

Am married. Am 27 years of age. Have lived in Cleveland two years the 20th of October. Am a carriage-maker by trade and have done a good deal of blacksmithing work. Lived in Fredonia, N. Y., before I came to Cleveland. Came from there here and drove a team, bringing my wife and goods. Had been in partnership with SAMUEL DAVIS something over a year when I was arrested. Our place of business was at No. 41 Michigan-street. Resided at No. 68 Michigan-street when I was arrested. Lived before that at No. 108 Seneca-street. SAMUEL DAVIS and I were equal partners. Know HUTCH BUTTERFIELD, but not very well. Have a very slight acquaintance with MULHALL. Know FOLLIOTT quite well. JOHN QUIN's brewery was directly opposite my blacksmith shop. FOLLIOTT lived in the rear of the brewery. Never saw MCKANNA that I am positive of until after I was arrested. I went to Independence with the men on the night of the Skinner murder. At FOLLIOTT's suggestion I went. Started there with MULHALL. Overtook others just this side of the eight-mile lock. There were five of us. We stopped at the lock awhile and a man I have since learned was MCKANNA, and FOLLIOTT started off after a sledge. As soon as they came back we went on across the bridge, and walked on until FOLLIOTT said we were on the wrong road. We then went back and took another road until we came to a house, and FOLLIOTT said, "This is the house." We then tied handkerchiefs over our faces. FOLLIOTT, MULHALL and MCKANNA went on, and I staid back. MULHALL came back to me and asked me if I wasn't going to come on. I said "No; when you get ready I will come in and open the safe." Then I went on to the east side of the house. Soon after I heard a shot fired, and two men rushed past me. I saw that something was wrong, and started to run too. Before we got down the hill I called out to know what was the matter. Got no reply, and asked the question again. Did not get any reply. Was not in the house of SKINNER on the night of the murder, and was never in it. I lived in Buffalo about a year before I came to Fredonia. Never went by the name of HUTCH OR HATCH, or any other than LOUIS R. DAVIS. Was not concerned in the diamond robbery at HOGAN & WADE's. Was not consulted about it. The man who committed it did not have my overcoat on. I recollect saying to MCKANNA that if he should come up here and swear that I shot SKINNER he would commit murder just as much as if he should strike me down right there. Never threatened to kill MCKANNA if he should testify against me. Never threatened him. Remember the interview had with me at the Police Court. Heard the statement of WEAVER relative to that interview. I did claim then that I was in Cleveland all that night. The statements I made then were all false, with one or two exceptions. Don't remember of seeing HUTCH BUTTERFIELD and BILL PALMER coming down Broadway Sunday morning after the murder. Might have seen them, but don't remember.

Upon the witness stand DAVIS appeared anything but thoroughly composed. As he was relating his version of the affair his eyes would wander from his counsel to the jury, and thence to the Judge, and occasionally he would look up at the audience, but on such occasions he would soon turn away and drop his gaze to the floor. During the argument of his attorney respecting the admissibility of certain communications made by him he became exceedingly uneasy, evidently fearing lest he would have to divulge the very things he most desired to keep in the background. When the Judge sustained the objection against such testimony going to the jury he breathed freer, and seemed to brighten up somewhat, but left the stand with the air of a man who already felt the first warnings of a rapidly approaching horrible doom. By his own confession, as appears in his statement, he places a very heavy weight upon the testimony of MCKANNA, and, no doubt, if convicted, will charge upon him the responsibility of it, as it supplied, if the jury believe it, the very kind of testimony needed by the prosecution to make out a perfect case.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.

The noble men who, disdaining death, plunged into its jaws to snatch from thence its passive victims, are entitled to most honorable mention. Mr. LOUIS SEIBERT, of the

CURRENT LITERATURE.

MASTER AND SERVANT.

BY ROBERT MORRIS.

Master,
I was standing idle in the market-place
When He came,
I had but to look upon His glorious face
For His name.

I did not ask, Who art Thou? For I well knew
No other
Ever had such a Royal grace, eyes so true,
My Brother.

He laid His hand upon my shoulder gently
With a sigh,
"Wilt Thou not help me? I have so much to do;
Let me die."

I fell down in mine anguish, kissing his feet,
Full of shame;
He, stooping, raised me up, and whispered sweet
My new name.

"My servant, fear thou not!" We went together
O'er the moor;
I felt not driving sleet or bitter weather,
Very poor,

Yet very rich, for He unlocked iron time
With His key.
We heard the far-off city's golden bells chime,
"No more sea!"

"Wilt thou be My servant evermore?"
"Evermore!"
"Shall I find thee idle 'mid the market's roar?"
"Never more!
O my master ever more! No, never more!"

ARTISTS IN LOVE AND POISON.

From Belgravia for November.

The fatiguingly-lively Mme. DE SEVIGNE, who skips with her pen round a murderess and a burning at stake as lightly as she does over the doings of a Ninon de l'Enclos or an indecorous dance, wrote after the execution of the Marquise DE BRINVILLIERS, "At last it is all over. LA BRINVILLIERS is floating about the air. Her poor little body was thrown after execution into a very large fire, and her cinders were dispersed to the winds; so that she now comes into our mouth with our breath, and by the contact of spiritual particles a taste for poisoning will get hold of us, at which we shall be quite astonished." The self-constituted lady-gazetteer of the seventeenth century was writing a good deal nearer the truth than she often did, when she penned that last paragraph. A taste for poisoning (*quelque humeur empoisonnate*) had got hold of society high and low, in her time, to a greater degree than she was aware of; and the sale of *poudres de succession*, (of which the BRINVILLIERS boasted once in a genial state after dinner that she had a boxful for private use,) together with the dispensing of other baneful compounds, formed the main occupation of one of the largest and most lucrative professions in Paris.

The age of LOUIS XIV. may well be called the *grand siècle*, for it was as great in its crimes as in its splendors. If society finds the proceedings of a Mme. Rachel rather not to its taste in the present day, what would it say if a LA VOISIN should come to light as the head of a great class, with a host of noble clients and patronesses for customers? LA VOISIN began business as little more than the Mme. Rachel of her time; and if after hearing the trial of the one, we look at the story of the other, and contrast the two together, we shall find the difference to be about as great as that of the *Inferno* of DANTE would to an *Inferno* by a popular poet,—if the latter should ever think of doing for DANTE what he has done for Solomon.

The doings of LA VOISIN, and the trial of herself and accomplices, two hundred and forty in number, before the secret tribunal of the *Chambre Ardente*, is the subject of these few pages; and if we are able to say anything about it, we owe no thanks to LOUIS XIV., for he ordered every paper connected with the affair to be burnt, and not a French newspaper was allowed to speak a word on the subject. Nevertheless, as is nearly always the case, reports intended only for private use have escaped destruction; and one of the most important of these is the summary of the interrogatories of the prisoners, drawn up by the Lieutenant-General of Police, M. DE LA REYNIE, intended only for the eyes of COLBERT and LOUIS XIV.

The trial and execution of the Marquise DE BRINVILLIERS had agitated Europe, and set the people and nobility of Paris in a state of wild and fearful emotion. The curiosity of all classes about the BRINVILLIERS had been so great that the first ladies of the court crowded to see the culprit emerge from her cell on the morning of her execution. One hundred thousand spectators were massed by the sides of her tumbril, or were congregated about her scaffold. But her death did not allay the dark and dreadful apprehensions which lurked in the recesses of every household. The BRINVILLIERS had said if she but opened her mouth she could incriminate half Paris. Nor was this a spiteful and vain boast. Yet even the BRINVILLIERS herself had no connection with the large body of paid practitioners, male and female *braves* of poisons, who abounded in the French capital. She was not aware that LA VOISIN, LA BOSSE, LA TRIANON, LA FILASTRE, and dozens of others, were established dealers in assassination in a very large and profitable way of business.

The Brinvilliers affair is but a prelude of a private character to the great LA VOISIN trial; and even the trial of LA VOISIN herself forms but a first act in the great investigation of the *Chambre Ardente*—the Burning Chamber, so called from the manner of disposing of the accused.

The Marquise was executed on the 16th of July, 1676. She had threatened disclosures, but none came. Violent and mysterious deaths went on increasing; people lived in a chronic state of horrible suspicion and dread; the dark gang of poisoners went on secretly creating *successions*, and putting husbands and intractable relatives out of the way. LA REYNIE, the Lieutenant-General of Police, pondered gravely, knit his brows, and shook his head in vain; he set his *archers* and *exempts* on every scent; sent his piercing eyes in scrutiny over all the dark haunts of crime and charlatanism, but in vain; when a new impulse was given to his activity by a discovery in the confessional of the Church of the Jesuits in the Rue Saint Antoine. Exactly fourteen months after the execution of LA BRINVILLIERS, an anonymous letter was thrown into the box, declaring that a project was on foot to poison the KING and the Dauphin. LA REYNIE sharpened his wits, and searched with his own eyes and those of his subordinates afresh; months passed, and at last the Police laid their hands on two individuals, LOUIS VARENS and ROBERT DE LA MIRE, *seigneur* DE BACHIMONT in Artois. M. LOUIS VARENS seemed to LA REYNIE an individual who required looking after; his past was of a more than doubtful character; he was suspected of having poisoned the Duke of Savoy; he was a great searcher after the *grand œuvre*—always a suspicious line of business; and he openly sold love-charms and philtres to midwives and ladies of doubtful character. M. LOUIS VARENS and M. DE BACHIMONT were, in fact, a dark and highly-suspicious pair of Arcadian brothers, working in common. LA REYNIE, by close observation, soon convinced himself that he had at all events scented out one poison-laboratory. Having got wind of one such manufactory, it was not difficult to lay hands on the retail agents and customers. A woman, LA BOSSE, the widow of a horse-dealer; another woman, LA VIGOUREUX, wife of a ladies'-tailor, a man *modiste*, a Mr. Worth of the period, in fact, for a ladies'-tailor is not a modern invention; a woman, LA GRANGE, and a man named NAIL, were laid hold of, and swept into one first batch, and tried and convicted of dealing in poisons. All were executed, with the exception of LA BOSSE and LA VIGOUREUX, whose revelations led to a yet more successful foray of the Police into the haunts of the poisoning tribe. This time they got hold of one CATHERINE DESHAYES, now the widow of one LA VOISIN or MAUVOISIN, aged 33, who was easily recognized as the very first in her profession—openly that of fortune-teller by cards and by the hands, of a finder of lost jewels, of a practicer in necromancy and legerdemain, of a go-between for lovers, and a seller of lost charms to ladies and invulnerability to men. A multitude of such women, styled *devineresses*, practiced in this way in Paris, so it was not easy for LA REYNIE to put his hand at first on the right person.

LA femme VOISIN had been at first a midwife, but found the profession of fortune-telling more lucrative. Then she moved on into the philtre and poison trade, and was the chief professor in that line in Paris. From dealing in love-potions and fortune-telling to poison-selling the progress was easy enough. If a customer had a troublesome husband, how natural to foretell his death—for a hundred or two of *pistoles!* And once the death foretold, the *devineresse* would find her reputation was increased in making prophecy and fact accord together. LA VOISIN was said to have poisoned-off her own husband, a jeweler, with a pinch of diamond-powder—the cant name for arsenic. At all events, she poisoned-off those of a good many others; and the quantity of widows among the accused in the LA VOISIN affair is very significant indeed. The manner of administering the poison was either in broth, in wine, or in water. To do this, it was necessary to make use of servants, and LA VOISIN had consequently established an immense connection among the *laquais* of great houses in Paris for the administration of her powders in a plate of soup or a tumbler of wine-and-water. LA REYNIE had laid hands on her on information of one of LA BOSSE's accomplices, and the first design she was charged with was connected with the project revealed by the letter found in the confessional of the Rue Saint Antoine. She had formed a plan for putting a poisoned petition in the hands of the KING; but no sooner was LA VOISIN arrested than her violent and revengeful nature broke loose, and in sheer spite she determined to implicate as many, high and low, as she possibly could in her own fate. Some of her accusations were doubtless false, (she accused RACINE of poisoning an actress,) but by far the greater number of those whom she accused come down to us, if not actually convicted of crime, at least with a most disagreeable odor of criminality about them. Two hundred and forty persons in all were arrested, and among these were some of the very highest names in France. The Comtesse DE ROURE and Mme. DE POLIGNAC were denounced by her as contriving to poison LA VALLIERE, the KING's mistress, and asking for love-potions and philtres to give the KING to take her place. But the greatest ladies of all implicated in LA VOISIN's confession were the Comtesse DE SOISSONS, the mother of Prince EUGENE of Savoy, and the Duchesse DE BOUILLON—two of the *Mazarinettes*, or nieces of MAZARIN, the Princesse DE TINGRES, one of the Queen's ladies of honor, and the Marquise D'ALLUYE, the former mistress of FOUQUET, the famous Controller of Finance. Tedious would it be to record the names of other noble ladies, wives of eminent legal dignitaries; and as for the men, we will merely record the names of the Prince of Clermont and Boutteville, MONTMORENCY, the famous Duke of Luxembourg —against whom suspicion was so strong, that the latter was at once shut up in the Bastile, and the former fled at once across the frontier.

LA VOISIN went on denouncing right and left at such a furious pace, that it seemed most advisable to stay her tongue and get her trial finished off before those of the others. She was accordingly condemned to be burnt alive on the 22d of February, 1680. It is difficult to understand, after all, why LA VOISIN should have been disposed of at so early a stage of the trial, in which she was the most important witness. The probability is, court influence was brought to bear. Perhaps also her judges had come to the conclusion that so stubborn and violent a woman would never be brought to confess the truth; for although she declared to her confessor in the presence of LA REYNIE that people of every condition and quality had applied to her for poison, and that profligacy was the source of all these crimes, though she was put to the extremity of torture, she would make no revelations of the plots against the king, to discover which was the veritable reason of the establishment of the *Chambre Ardente*.

The account given by Mme. DE SEVIGNE of her execution, though written in the light way in which she treats horrors and grossness of all kinds, gives us a picture of a raging Tisiphone, making her exit from a life of crime in a state of angry and furious impenitence. Her trial lasted six months. She was condemned to make confession on her knees in front of Notre Dame in her shift, with a torch in her hand, (the *amende honorable*,) then her hand cut off and nailed to the stake, and then to be burned alive.

"LA VOISIN," writes Mme. DE SEVIGNE, "knew her sentence on Monday. In the evening she said to her keepers, 'What! shall we not pass Easter Eve together?' She supped with them at midnight out of bravado, drank a great deal of wine, and sang twenty drinking-songs. The next day she was put to both the ordinary and extraordinary torture, (she had dined, and slept eight hours in the night.) She was confronted on the rack with Mmes. DE DREUX and DE FEROX, and several others. It is not yet reported what she said. It is believed strange things will be revealed. She supped again in the evening, and, all racked and broken in body as she was, recommenced her scandalous habits of debauch. She was reproved, and told she would do better to think on God and chant an *Ave maris stella* and a *Salve* than her profane songs. She sang both hymns in a spirit of mockery and ridicule. She slept afterward. The Wednesday she passed in the same way, in confrontations with other accused, in debauch, and in singing of songs. She refused to see her confessor. At last, on Thursday, they would only give her broth; she raised them soundly, fearing she would not have strength to speak to her judges. She came in a carriage from Vincennes to Paris for the execution; they wanted her to make confession; she refused. At 5 o'clock they bound her; she appeared in her tumbril with a torch in her hand, dressed in white, in the dress used for burning people in. Her face was inflamed, and we saw that she rejected the confessor and the crucifix with ferocity. I and Mme. DE CHAULNES, Mme. DE SULLY, the Countess, and others, saw her pass the Hotel de Sully. At Notre Dame she refused to pronounce the *amende honorable*; and at the Grève she resisted as long as she could all efforts to remove her from her cart. They dragged her out by force, put her on the pile of faggots, and bound her with chains to the stake. They covered her with straw; she swore a good deal; she thrust back the straw five or six times; but at length the fire gathered strength, and she disappeared from sight." "Her cinders are in the air now," says Mme. DE SEVIGNE. That she said also of the BRINVILLIERS. Later she adds, "LA VOISIN's confessor heard her say Jesus, Maria, in the flames. Perhaps she was a saint!" Lively Mme. SEVIGNE!

But after the execution of LA VOISIN, the trial of which she was only the leading culprit became a much graver affair than before, in consequence of fresh disclosures. The woman FILASTRE, la fille VOISIN, a stepdaughter of the harridan who had just been burned, and two priests, LESAGE and GUIBOUR, avowed facts which were immediately communicated to LOUIS XIV. by COLBERT and LOUVOIS, and must have caused him most disagreeable sensations. Mme. DE MONTESPAN, his reigning mistress, was found to have had dealings with LA VOISIN. Every time that Mme. DE MONTESPAN felt herself falling in royal favor LA VOISIN had information, and a *poudre d'amour* was concocted, which Mme. DE MONTESPAN was to get administered to the great monarch himself. Details of revolting grossness were not wanting as to the manner of concoction of these *poudres d'amour*, and must have affected the royal stomach with a retrospective nausea. But the *poudres d'amour* not producing much effect, and the belle Mlle. DE FONTANGES appearing on the stage, Mme. DE MONTESPAN made up her mind to proceed to extremities, and ordered poisoned stuffs to be prepared, and poisoned gloves to be made, to put her new rival out of the way.

From this time all proceedings relating to the trial were involved in greater secrecy than ever. It was ordered that the names of the most important personages among the accused should only be given in initials; that all interrogatories should be written on loose sheets of paper, and that none should be preserved. Those nearest and dearest to sacred majesty began to appear in such unfavorable light that it was feared the effect of publicity on the public mind would not exalt the prestige of the great monarch in the eyes of the public. Day by day fresh horrors came to light, and this not only as to the ends to be achieved but as to the manner of achieving them.

The revelations of GUIBOUR, a priest of 75 years of age, and LESAGE, another priest, were shocking, and almost incredible. These priests were in the habit of dressing themselves in surplice and stole, and saying sacrilegious masses in caverns and obscene hovels over the powders and prayers in writing of the great lady clients of LA VOISIN, to give them greater efficacy; and sometimes the Mass was said backward over the body of a woman stripped bare and laid on the altar. The Comtesse DE SOISSONS herself was believed to have taken the place of such a woman on more than one occasion; and sometimes—and this is the crowning wickedness of the whole affair—children were sacrificed. GUIBOUR (whose life was subsequently spared in return for the disclosures of state secrets which he made) deposed that he slit the throats of several children with a penknife, and poured their blood into the chalice for wine; that each child was then taken aside, and its heart and entrails removed and consecrated on the altar, and partaken of in place of bread by the communicants.

With such rites of Baal and Moloch the great ladies of the French court endeavored, *à se faire aymer du roi*, to compass the love of the King, other persons to procure his death. Mme. DE MONTESPAN thus had prayers offered to Asmodeus and Ashtaroth for the love of the King, for the sterility and repudiation of the Queen, for her own marriage with her royal lover, and for the death of Mlle. DE FONTANGES.

Mme. la Duchesse VIVONNE aimed at replacing Mme. DE MONTESPAN, her own sister-in-law, in the royal good graces, and, with the Duchesse D'ANGOULEME and Mme. DE VITRY, endeavored to enter into a compact with the devil to procure the death of Mme. DE MONTESPAN. The Comptesse DE SOISSONS, having already been once mistress of the King, demanded his love back again, and with Italian vehemence was planning to bring about both the death of the King and his mistress in case of failure, and it appears to be proved that she actually poisoned three domestics who gave her trouble and suspicion. This nefarious creature was allowed by LOUIS XIV., from motives of policy, to escape to Flanders before the arrest issued for her was put into operation. In Flanders she was mobbed by the people as the *empoissonneuse*, and she flitted like a bird of ill-omen from capital to capital of Europe, till she came to Madrid, where the young Queen died a sudden death soon after her arrival, which most people laid to the credit of this pupil of LA VOISIN.

As for the Duchesse DE BOUILLON, she was only accused of having paid LA VOISIN to poison her husband, similarly with sundry ladies of lower rank, and though Mme. DE BOUILLON was acquitted, yet her dealings with LA VOISIN at least were proved, and she had to pass some very uncomfortable hours in the *sellette* before her judges, and by no means defended herself in the haughty manner described by Mme. DE SEVIGNE, who, with all the great people, endeavored to make light of the whole affair, and professed to believe that the accusations brought against the Duke of Luxembourg, the Marquis DE FEUQUIERES, and others, were mere inventions of the accusers, in order to gain the good graces of their enemies. Mme. DE BOUILLON was in fact exiled from court for some time in consequence of things supposed to be proved against her.

It came out thus in the course of examination that there was hardly a single person of distinction about the court who had not been the object of some criminal plot between LA VOISIN and her patrons and patronesses. The death of the King, the death of the Dauphin, the death of the Queen, the death of COLBERT, the death of the Duchess of FONTANGES, of Madame DE MONTESPAN—all were designed by some one or other of the accused parties.

The death of COLBERT was compassed by the friends of FOUQUET, the *ex-surintendant* of finance, who was in prison at Pignerol. The death of COLBERT, and the return of FOUQUET to power with a fresh season of peculation, was naturally the desire of the friends of FOUQUET and his mistress, the Marquise D'ALLUYE. It seems probable that the attempt to poison COLBERT was really made, but failed by reason of a change of diet. FOUQUET, however, died himself shortly after suddenly in prison, and it was believed by his friends that the court had him taken off by poison, as a retaliatory measure of precaution. As to the Duchesse de FONTANGES, she did die, and suddenly; and it is a singular circumstance that LOUIS XVI. desired that no dissection of the body should be made.

Of the effect of these astounding relations on the King and his ministers, an idea may be formed from a letter of SIMON's to LOUIS XIV.: "I had a conversation yesterday with M. DE LA REYNIE, who informed me that the crimes of the persons detained at Vincennes appeared every day to be of a more and more extraordinary character. There are from thirteen to fourteen witnesses of the crime of Mme. LE FERON (accused of having poisoned her husband.) He then put in my hands the original of the interrogatory of LESAGE. All that your Majesty knows with respect to M. DE LUXEMBOURG and M. DE FENQUIERES is nothing by the side of the depositions which this interrogatory contains, in which M. DE LUXEMBOURG is accused of having asked for the death of his wife, for that of the Maréchal DE CREQUY, the marriage of my daughter with his son, to get back the duchy of Montmorency, and to have such success in the present war as would make your Majesty forget the fruit which he committed at Philipsbourg. M. DE FEUQUIERES is described there as the most wicked man in the world, who has offered several times to give himself to the devil to make a demoiselle VOISIN consent to poison the uncle and the guardian of a young lady he wishes to marry."

The perplexity of LA REYNIE in endeavoring to elicit the truth from such a multiplicity of interrogatories and depositions, may well be conceived. The reports which he drew up of the interrogatories of the accused for the perusal of LOUIS XIV. are models of confusion, and bespeak a mind in the highest state of bewilderment.

To himself and an assistant were mainly confided the charge of examination of the prisoner and the direction of the trial; and it must be allowed the task of trying such a mass of prisoners in this secret fashion was beyond human ability. He prayed at last that Providence would inspire the King with some wise counsel to elicit the truth from a labyrinthine entanglement of crime and suspicion. But LOUIS XIV., although he followed closely the course of the proceedings of the *Chambre Ardente*, only interfered from time to time to enjoin greater caution against haste and greater secrecy. When the case of the Duchesse DE VIVONNE, for example, seemed at its darkest, he desired that no arrest should be issued against "*une femme de la qualité de Mme. Vivonne*;" and meanwhile an *arrêt*, M. DUPLESSIS, at the request of COLBERT, was drawing up *mémoires* on behalf of Mme. DE MONTESPAN. These were transmitted to the Minister, who laid them before the King. These *mémoires* still exist; and when we read them we seem to see Mme. MONTESPAN in the *sellette*, although there is no proof that she knew at all how deeply her fate was implicated in the proceedings of the *Chambre Ardente*. But, however, DUPLESSIS did not seem to have much belief in the innocence of his client, the reigning mistress, if we may judge by the following confidential note addressed to COLBERT: "*Ayes la bonté de voir l'observaeion générale qui es: un commencement, parcequ'elli peut fournier des moyens contre beaucoup de choses qui paraissent prouvées.*"

COLBERT had a family interest in saying the Duchess DE VIVONNE and the Marquise DE MONTESPAN from scandal and a criminal fate; for the son of the Duchesse DE VERONNE, the Duc DE MONTEMART, has married COLBER's daughter, and the Marquise DE MONTESPAN, sister-in-law of Madame DE VERONNE, had brought about the marriage. Consequently COLBERT, as the months went along and matters got to look no fairer, determined to interfere at last and put a stop to the doings of the *Chambre Ardente*. COLBERT was at first for a very summary proceeding, which gives a high idea of the justice of the time; he was for transporting without judgment *toutes de canailles* to Canada, to Cayenne, to the islands of America and to Saint Domingo; *toutes de canailles* comprising, of course, only the mass of obscure prisoners who had no relations with a minister at court.

However, judgment was at last given; and the list of the sentences is to be seen, written by LA REYNIE's own hand; it is the most comprehensive *menu* of criminal punishment which can be perhaps found anywhere, with penal *hors d'œuvres* and *plats réchauffés* innumerable—*c'est assez à faire venir l'eau à la bouche*, as the Maréchal DE MIREPOIS observed to LOUIS XV. when he stopped, as his habit was, to visit a churchyard. The list commences in a simple but significant way:

1. La Bosse, *bruie vive, question.*
2. La Vigoureux, *mort, après la question.*
3. François Bosse, soldat, *pendu, question.*
4. Guillaume Bosse, *enfermé à l'hopital.*
5. Le Serin, *pendu, le poing coupé.*
6. Le Philbert, *pendu, le poing coupé.*
7. La Dame Poulaillon, *bannie à perpétuité.*

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10. Belot, * * * * *roué, question.*

One prisoner's sentence is thus written: *Amende honorable, brûlé vif, préalablement question.* Evidently here the *question* was a supplementary touch thrown in as an after-thought. Mme. DE CARADA, a person of quality, gets *amende honorable, la tête tranchée, son corps brûlé;* whereas DAVOT, *prestre*, has the more ignoble *pendu* attached to his name. The lighter forms of punishment are *banni à temps, galères à perpétuité, galères pour—ans.* Some, chiefly women, are marked simply *admonestée, blasmée.* Some few are set down for *plus ample confirmation;* and some few have *déchargé* written against their names.

As was usual in such times, the lesser accused suffered, the great ones escaped. One proof suffices. Facts looked so black against the Duke of Luxembourg that he had been shut up in the Bastile; he was liberated on the ground that he had been the dupe of his steward, who had acted as his go-between in this affair. Was the steward a convenient scapegoat? At all events, the Duke got quit of the affair by a short exile from court, while the steward was condemned to the galleys for life without trial. As a compensation, however, for the lenity exercised toward the Duke of Luxembourg, an obscure gentleman was executed, who was merely convicted of saying the King would not live nine years.

Many innocent and simple Parisian ladies were thrown therefore into a wild and feverish state of excitement when they knew that LA VOISIN was arrested, and many a good man's wife—who had invested her *pistoles* merely to get Rachelized by LA VOISIN, and acquire a new bloom with daily unguents of Arabia and waters of Jordan, or some such mixtures—expected to be brought up before the *Burning Chamber*, and be convicted of having abetted her and her maleficent practices, but to be perhaps burnt in a shift on the Place de la Grève.

The following extract from a letter of the period bears witness to the panic which raged among Parisian ladies:

"Poor little Mme. TALON," writes Mme. DUNOYER, "had a terrible alarm when her husband told her her name was on the list. Although she had been at LA VOISIN's house for no criminal purpose, nevertheless she was in no slight terror, and an adventure happened which nearly made her die; for at the very time that she was in this state of terror at the news, she was told that a man wanted to speak to her below. 'Go and ask his name,' she said trembling. But, heavens! what was her surprise to learn that the man's name was DESGRAIS, (DESGRAIS, or DEGREZ, was the name of a famous *exempt* of police, who, dressed as an *abbé*, had made love to BRINVILLIERS, and arrested her.) It was then that Mme. TALON thought herself lost. She barricaded every entrance to her apartment, and ran in a flood of tears to her husband's office-chamber. 'Save my life,' she cried, throwing herself at his feet, 'it is true I have been once at LA VOISIN's house, but it was only to ask her to give me a better bust, (*de me faire venir de la gorge;*) I never asked anything else of her.' M. TALON (who was *Procureur Général*) assured her she had nothing to fear; but she was in such a state of mind that she seemed ready to throw herself out of the window, and was only reassured when it turned out, on inquiry, that this DESGRAIS was an upholsterer, whom she had herself sent for some days before."

This veritable scene of comedy was made use of by THOMAS CORNEILLE in his play of "Mme. Jobin, ou la Devineresse," which had a tremendous run soon after the opening of the *Chambre Ardente*, and in which the leading actress dressed so like LA VOISIN, who, from the ostentatious display she made of her gains in dress and equipage, from her big Swiss porter and gorgeous lacqueys, was well known to all Paris, that the audience applauded at once on the stage. To justify THOMAS CORNEILLE, however, people little knew at that time the extent of LA VOISIN's criminality.

The stock-in-trade, the method of treatment, and unholy rites of these Louis Quatorze Canidias, can well be made out from the interrogatories. It appears some of them actually believed in the efficacy of their charms, for they told each other's horoscopes in a friendly way. The famous *poudres d'amour* were mostly composed of cantharides, but sometimes also of flour dried after being steeped in abominable liquids, and duly consecrated by a priest in full stole and chasuble. The dried flesh of consecrated vipers and toads, and bats' blood, was considered effective. DAVOT, *prestre*, the *pendu*, had also a knack of saying the Mass backwards over cross-bones laid on a shirt, which seems to have been in great demand. We have said enough of GUIBOUR and LESAGE and their child-sacrifices. We read of money being demanded for journeys to Normandy to fetch certain *coid seeds*. Emissaries were constantly being sent to Italy, the classic land of *artistes en poisons*. EXILI, the Italian who was the master of Sainte Croix, was said to have poisoned upwards of 100 persons in the days of INNOCENT X., and before he came to France. Washes of all kinds, poppy-seeds, supplies of corrosive sublimate, antimony, orpiment, réalgar arsenic, arsenic acid, (*aqua tofana,*) were found in the houses of the accused, for the manufacture of the *poudres de succession*. In the house of LA TRIANON, one of LA VOISIN's accomplices, was found the usual furniture of the sorceress—a skeleton, planetary figures on silver plates, a magic mirror, alembics and furnaces, a rod of AARON, fingers of withered hands, and consecrated wafers of the manufacture of GUIBOURG, LESAGE, and DAVOT.

Such was the La-Voisin trial, which set so many racks in motion, which swelled so many bodies (that of the Duchesse DE LA FERTE among them) to bursting with the water-torture and crushed so many legs in the boot, which bound so many culprits to the stake of fire, strung so many bodies on gibbets, cut off not a few heads and a goodly number of hands with the ax, and filled so many of the prisons of France with tenants. It decidedly purified society; yet, according to Mme. DE MAINTENON, writing later, things continued still to be bad enough: "What do we see here but assassinations in cold blood, envy without reason, perfidy and betrayals without cause of anger, insatiable avarice, discontent in the midst of good fortune, baasenesses which pass as greatness of soul?" "Almost every man here would exterminate relatives and friends for the sake of speaking one word more to the King."

TO CHARLES ELIOT NORTON.

BY JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

The wind is roistering out of doors,
My windows shake and my chimney roars;
My Elmwood chimneys seem crooning to me,
As of old, in their moody, minor key,
And out of the past the hoarse wind blows,
As I sit in my arm-chair, and toast my toes.

"Ho! ho! nine-and-forty," they seem to sing,
"We saw you a little toddling thing,
We knew you child and youth and man,
A wonderful fellow to dream and plan,
With a great thing always to come—who knows?
Well, well! 't is some comfort to toast one's toes.

"How many times have you sat at gaze
Till the mouldering fire forgot to blaze,
Shaping among the whimsical coals
Fancies and figures and shining goals!
What matters the ashes that cover those?
While hickory lasts you can toast your toes.

"O dream-ship-builder! where are they all,
Your grand three-deckers, deep-chested and tall,
That should crush the waves under canvas piles,
And anchor at last by the Fortunate Isles?
There 's gray in your beard, the years turn foes,
While you muse in your arm-chair and toast your toes."

I sit and dream that I hear, as of yore,
My Elmwood chimneys' deep-throated roar;
If much be gone, there is much remains;
By the embers of loss I count my gains,
You and yours with the best, till the old hope glows
In the fanciful flame, as I toast my toes.

Instead of a fleet of broad-browed ships,
To send a child's armada of chips!
Instead of the great guns, tier on tier,
A freight of pebbles and grass-blades here!
"Well, maybe more love with the less gift goes,"
I growl, as, half moody, I toast my toes.

SNAKE STORIES.—The strange stories one sometimes hears in South Africa lead one to the conclusion that it is dangerous to give implicit credence to all that is told. Some of the old inhabitants of the colony, as well as of this part of the country, tell of wonderful things that we of the present generation never have the good fortune to meet with, many of them evidently being but chimeras emanating from their own imagination, and retailed from father to son with compound interest. I can believe in the possible existence of a sea-serpent, though the idea has been scouted as ridiculous; but I must hesitate to believe in snakes exercising a fascinating power upon man, (though I have witnessed a somewhat similar influence exercised by them over birds.) But what can be said of the wonderful feat attributed to the hoop-snake, which, when it chases you down-hill, bends its body into the form of a rigid hoop by putting the end of its tail into its mouth, and then rolls after you? what of the charmed cap of the snake-charmer, an old Hottentot in Namaqua Land, who is said to boil his dirty old nightcap, which he has been wearing for half a century, and a decoction of which, taken internally, is said to be an infallible cure for the most venomous snake bite? A blow from this man is said to produce immediately a swelling on man or beast, and a scratch would terminate fatally in a few minutes without the administration of the above antidote. It is said that this man swallows the poison-glands of all the snakes he gets, and that all kinds of venomous reptiles nestle harmlessly in his bosom. I have been thinking that the story of the dassie-slang, so prevalent among the Boers of the Trans-Vaal, must have originated in the imagination of some half-blind individual, who perhaps had seen a rock-snake or a python seize a dassie, their usual prey, by the hind-quarters, and glide with it into the nearest hole, there to swallow and digest it.—*Travels in the Interior of South Africa. By James Chapman, F. R. G. S.*

OLIVER GOLDSMITH—AN UNPUBLISHED INCIDENT IN HIS LIFE.—Mr. ALEXANDER DICK, of Drummond-street, Carlton, has sent us an account of an incident in GOLDSMITH's life, which is now published for the first time. The story runs: "On his farm near Falkirk, and about the year 1750, my grandfather, WILLIAM DICK, was caught by the press-gang and compelled to serve in the regiment of Picardy. My grandmother, MARY DALGLEISH, or Douglass, joined him. The regiment passed to Ireland, and it was ordered to foreign service. MARY was debarred from accompanying her husband. They had three children—ADAM, WILLIE (my father,) and JEANNIE. It was now 1752, and the children were seven, five and three years of age. MARY resolved to return to Edinburgh. She had not traveled a fortnight when she was robbed, as she slept, of her money, her clothes, and her children's clothes. It was a lone house, and the people had no clothing to bestow. MARY and her children went forth in their night dresses. Desponding, despairing, she traveled on, but a ministering angel was at hand, and saved her. OLIVER GOLDSMITH, on horseback, met her. No salutation passed. WILLIE and JEANNIE were behind. JEANNIE—now three years old—was ashamed of her dress, and to hide from the gentleman she got close to WILLIE. He pushed her into a ditch and ran. GOLDSMITH cried, 'What sort of a woman are you, that you do not look better after your children?' MARY turned round and saw her daughter getting to her feet quietly. GOLDSMITH drew near, and MARY replied, 'I am the wife of an impressed soldier, on my way to Edingurgh, but last night I was robbed of our money and our clothes, and I am almost distracted.' GOLDSMITH saw that she was an educated lady, and he begged pardon for the harsh manner in which he had spoken to her, and said, 'I am sorry that I cannot give you more than £1, but I won't leave you till I see you better clothed.' He turned back some miles. They came to a mansion. GOLDSMITH addressed the inmates, told them his name, begged clothes for his companions and said that he would return and pay for all that they could give. The inmates gave MARY decent material to make clothes for herself and her children. MARY got to Musselburgh, but she did not get to Edinburgh. The friend that she had lodged with there had died. She was a widow that kept a small shop at the foot of Canongate. My grandfather's brothers had occasion to call on her successor. GOLDSMITH arrived in Edinburgh, and he called frequently at the shop to inquire after MARY's welfare. He was informed that WILLIAM had been bought off for £40, and that he was working at Cathcart for 8d. a day, that MARY was sewing, and the children knitting, and paying the money by instalments. He sent them a few pounds. Honored be the memory of GOLDSMITH. He said that it was the information MARY gave him of Edinburgh, College that made him make up his mind to come to it. GOLDSMITH set out on a tour to the North and West Highlands, and to visit MARY at Cathcart; but his money failed him, and he had to cut his tour short. He expressed himself greatly disappointed that he had not seen the Loch Lomond district, and that he had not seen MARY. He spoke constantly of taking another tour, but he did not set out a second time." This incident occurred in the period between 1749 and 1752, during which GOLDSMITH made unsuccessful attempts to enter the Church, and to commence the study of the law. Being disappointed in both, he set off for Cork, with the intention of proceeding thence to America; but, having paid his passage, he managed to be out of the way when a favorable wind set in, and the Captain set sail without him.—*Melbourne Argus.*

VEGETABLES.

FRENCH IDEAS OF THEIR USE IN COOKING.

In all good cooking, vegetables hold a subordinate but still an honored place. Leeks sodden, and turnips float on our broth, but the French do not use vegetables in so uncouth a way. Suppose we examine some of their savory and appetizing ways of cooking vegetables, and of employing them when cooked. Take *épinard* (spinach,) by some considered mere chopped hay, by others prized and valued as the pleasant and most lightsome *matelas* (mattress) for a fricandeau, a dish which goes far to remove our insular contempt for what we are pleased to call flimsy and greasy kickshaws (*quelque chose.*) Spinach holds a high rank in Paris kitchens, because its soft dark leaves can be gathered for eight or nine out of the twelve months. This vegetable, although so humble, is called by French gourmands "*le désespoir de l'avarice et de l'industrie*," as its preparation is expensive and difficult. It is like the flint stone in the proverbial soup; it wants so many other ingredients to make it good. It is like virgin wax, it is susceptible of any impression. By itself it is trivial, but in a clever man's hands it becomes a gem of value; so did a shilling's worth of Roman canvas become a sheet of gold under the touch of RAPHAEL. It is wholesome either with gravy, butter, cream or coulis. It will make soups, tarts, rissoles or creams. After sorrel it is the best bed upon which a fricandeau can repose, and on its green pulp rests well, both the scarlet tongue and the smoked beef of Hamburg. It is a resource on the poor man's board, it is the glory of the rich man's table; yet its chief value is given it by the hands through which it passes.

The cauliflower is as wholesome as spinach, and requires less talent in the cooking. It is nice with white sauce, and good with mutton gravy; it can be eaten *frit en pâte*, and it is delicious with parmesan. It serves to garnish ragoûts and it will make a salad of merit. The heads must be white, close and firm.

UDE says that thistles are not much relished is England, "but in France are held in the highest estimation." Thistle is an entremet usually selected by a French *chef* to try the skill of a new cook. Chardons are delicious stewed with Spanish sauce, and mix well with poached eggs. They are perfect with beef marrow or with white and velouté sauce. The Spanish thistles are the best, being of the artichoke race. A French epicurean writer says "this dish is the ne plus ultra of human science, and a cook who can cook thistles well is entitled to rank as the first artist in Europe." Under the old *régime* the light of glory shone especially on the powdered wig of the Count DE TESSE, first groom of MARIE ANTOINETTE. He was lost in the flight of the emigrés, and never came to the surface again. Thistles *en maigre* and *au parmesan* are not difficult to cook, and are extremely good. Persons of inferior genius should endeavor to acquire glory by first cooking their thistles in the humbler styles.

The French consider celery best in salad, and in sharp sauce mixed with Maille or Bordin mustard. It is useful, too, with gravy for braised mutton and large entrées; but the *crème au celeri* is thought a special triumph of the kitchen. The cabbage, despicable only in the eyes of pride, forms a pleasant wall round a rump of beef, and the French sometimes (but with questionable taste) entomb a roast partridge in the same vegetable. A cabbage *à la Bavaroise* is a favorite mattress for a ragout. About the beginning of the century, sauer-krout, the natural dish of Germany, borrowed, it is supposed, from the Turks, became popular in Paris. Scorzonera makes an excellent soup when seasoned with parmesan and fried.

We use mushrooms in cooking, nearly as freely as the French, but we cruelly neglect the mushroom's cousin, the little fragile nankeen-colored champignon, which is excellent in ragoûts, and serves for half the catsup that is christened *mushroom* in London. The French eat champignous greedily, *à la crème*, fried or stewed. They dry them, and preserve them in vinegar. Above all, and this is an excellent hint, they powder them for Winter use.

The white haricots—the best come from Soissons—are often used in France as the mattress for a leg of mutton, and very nice they are. There is also a good thick soup to be made of them.

Welcome pleasant April! Thou bringest asparagus. The largest and best in Paris comes from Vendôme. We eat them with melted butter, the French often with oil. They are by no means bad, when small, cut up to resemble green peas. They can be eaten with cream or gravy, and even in omelets; and they are used as garnishing to many sorts of ragoût. Asparagus is the very essence of beatified green buds, and convey a foretaste of Spring to the sensitive palate of the *gourmand*. Hail, too, gentle May! because, with songs of birds and wandering perfume of flowers, thou givest us green peas, the best, the most inviting and the most delicate of vegetables. An old French proverb says: "Eat green peas with rich men, and cherries with poor," because peas are best very small and young, and should be gathered on the morning they are to be eaten. It would take a folio volume to describe all the French ways of cooking peas. They make sweet little green beds for cutlets and pigeons; they mix with fricassees, palattes of beef and calves

AFFAIRS IN EUROPE.

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SPAIN.

Progress of the Work of Organization—The Republican Idea—The Elections—Free Ports—The Law of Public Meetings.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1868.

Its work of organization being nearly accomplished, the revolution is now entering on that phase in which party and personal selfishness must be expected to begin to develop itself. Professing to have no desire to forestall the decision of the nation, the two great political organizations into which, for the present, all other parties are being merged, are nevertheless preparing for the struggle which is to decide the form of government that is to regulate for the future the destinies of Spain. Dreading the growing influence of the republican section of the Democratic Party, and pledged to the Duc DE MONTPENSIER who furnished the money by which the revolution was accomplished, the members of the Government are throwing off the mask and openly entering the field against the enemies of monarchical institutions. Were they to adhere to their pledges of abstention from the electoral contest, they would be simply waiting for the tide to overwhelm them—for this the republican movement threatens to do. Accordingly, the meeting at OLAZAGA's was decided upon which is to unite in an address to the country, in favor of the monarchical principle, the names of the leaders of the three former organizations, the Democrats included, who are of that way of thinking. The manifesto, it is said, is being drawn up by RIVERO, and will be signed by MARTOS, BECERRA and SALMERON, in conjunction with the distinguished writer and the former leaders of the Progressista and Union Liberal Parties. If this statement should turn out to be correct, it will separate the gentlemen above-named from the great bulk of their former associates, unless, indeed, they are playing a double part, which many accuse them of doing.

PROGRESS OF THE REPUBLICAN IDEA.

From all parts of the country declarations are pouring in in support of the republican programme. It is surprising how, in the course of a few weeks, it has multiplied its adherents. There is not a small town or village throughout Spain which has not already its Republican Committee, and by the time the elections take place there is not a portion of the population that will not have acquired a clear idea of the issues involved in them. In the meanwhile the monarchical section of the Democratic Party have addressed, through the newspapers, a reply to the persons who have asked their advice as to the course they should pursue in the forthcoming contest. It is a skillfully penned document, but indicates, nevertheless, the embarrassment which they themselves labor under. After an ingenious preface, illustrating the *lucus a non lucendo* powers of the writers, they lay down the following as the rules which should guide the conduct of the members of the party. Their first object should be, they say, to annihilate all the constitutions of individuality (clear is it not?) to realize the rights which each human being brings with him into the world in his essence, and to make the organism of his faculties contribute to the social organism. As Democrats, it was their duty to combat all Governments that ignored individual rights. The relations of the political organization admitted these two cardinal principles—national sovereignty and universal suffrage; but neither the one nor the other of these principles could touch what was beyond its competence, what was outside the sphere of its rights. All Democrats were agreed upon these essential points—the maintenance of the rights of the individual, the autonomy of the municipalities and of the provinces, and the sovereignty of the nation expressed through universal suffrage. In respect to principles, they were in perfect accord; but to seek to impose a form of Government on the nation would be to violate the liberty of the nation itself. The appreciation of circumstances must be left to the men to whom the country would delegate its powers, and, in the meanwhile, the advice which they had to offer to those who had addressed themselves to them, was to draw their inspirations from the principles of Democracy, and keeping before them in all its purity their ideal, (the Republic,) to judge and act freely and conscientiously at the moment they gave their vote.

It is language of this kind, taken in conjunction with the coöperation of the writers with OLOZAGA and the partisans of the monarchical principle, that leads people to doubt the sincerity of the former. If, however, the difference between them and the great body of the Democratic Party on this point be real, there can be no doubt of the perfect unanimity which exists between them as to the necessity of offering a determined opposition to the claims of the Duc DE MONTPENSIER. Should any attempt be made to force his election, it will unite them as a man in resistance to it, were it necessary even to appeal to arms to defeat his election. Do not imagine that I am indulging in mere speculation. There is at this very time in preparation a map of Madrid, which has marked out on it the barricades to be raised in such a contingency. The Democratic Party will never quietly submit to the infliction of another branch of the Bourbons on the country. Though they accepted the Duc DE MONTPENSIER's aid in the revolution, they do not the less despise him for it. They do not forget that his father, one of the worst enemies that constitutional institutions ever had, though proud of his misnomer of "citizen king," obtained the French throne by similar intrigues against a member of his own family. It is impossible, they contend, that any good can come of a dynasty having this double heritage of bad faith and disgrace. To make such a choice would, in fact, be to renounce all the credit and influence won by the revolution.

On the subject of the immediate abolition of slavery in Cuba, the Democratic Party are equally unanimous. They have adopted it as one of the cardinal features of their programme. If, therefore, they should obtain a majority in the Cortes, the fate of slavery in the Spanish colonies will be at once decided. I must not omit to mention that, previous to their dissolution, upward of fifty provincial Juntas passed resolutions calling for immediate abolition. Although no longer exercising political functions, these bodies still remain the centres of influence. You can imagine what a powerful propagandism they can exercise not merely in regard to that question but republicanism. They are men who were picked out for their advanced opinions and their energy, and you may be sure they will work with a will.

THE ELECTIONS.

It is difficult to get at the truth regarding the details of the new Electoral law or the precise period at which the elections are to be held. This is owing to the fact that in their desire to secure a majority in the National Assembly the Ministry have several times altered the details of their plan. That fixed upon gives, I understand, one deputy to every twelve thousand of the population, which has decreased somewhat since the last census. The aggregate number of deputies returned under the new law, independent of the colonies, will be four hundred. If I am correctly informed, some obstacles are thrown by it in the way of country voters, the object being to limit, as far as possible, the influence of the priests. If this be so, it will injure the character of the measure and create for it a large amount of unpopularity. We know what universal suffrage is as practiced in France. It would be a bad beginning for the free exercise of this right, if motives like these were allowed to interfere with it at the outset.

The 29th of this month is stated to be the probable date at which the elections will be held, but until I see it announced in the *Gazette* I shall not accept it as a fact. There are few places in which so little importance is attached to accuracy of assertion as Madrid. Statements persistently put forward by leading journals one morning are as confidently contradicted the next.

FREE PORTS.

Señor FIGUEROLA is a bold financier, but boldness in finance is nowadays almost a synonym for success. One of the most daring of the projects attributed to him is an intention to declare all the ports of Spain free to the commerce of the world, thus putting an end to the differential duties which have been such a source of annoyance to all engaged in the importing trade. I do not know how the Catalonians will like this. They will have to grin and bear it, I suppose, as the manufacturers of your Eastern States will have to do one of these days, when Congress returns to principles of common sense on tariff questions.

THE LAW ON PUBLIC MEETINGS.

In Monday's *Gazette* appears a decree recognizing the right of reunion on the part of the people when it is not exercised in conflict with the laws. In order to legalize a public meeting it will henceforth only be necessary to apprize the local authorities twenty-four hours in advance, at the same time declaring the object and place of meeting. Reunions in the open air and in the streets are subjected to the provisions of the municipal ordinances. They can be at once dissolved, if one or more citizens taking part in them be seen in possession of arms. Under the late law there could not assemble on the streets or be constituted anywhere a meeting of even twenty persons without the permission of the authorities. If the latter gave their consent to the holding of a meeting they always sent a Police agent to watch the proceedings and to take note of the speeches. The new law, although it does not concede as much freedom as those regulating the right of assemblement in the United States and Great Britain, is still, perhaps under present circumstances, as liberal as can be granted. The Government is afraid of some of the movements now in progress and wishes to reserve to itself the right of interfering with the public demonstrations that may be made in support of them. I shall not stop to inquire how far this is consistent with their declared programme. A revolutionary Government must obey the necessities of its position as well as every other, and prudence would certainly seem to dictate in the present instance the retention of some restrictions, until the country is placed beyond the risk of fresh attempts against its liberties. In any case the Cortes will have it in its power to modify or remove them, should they be found to interfere with the principles on which the new Government is to be founded.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

Tidings from Spain—Situation of the Empire—Solar Intelligence and Discoveries—A New Invention.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1868.

Election day! and far away from home, where the exhortation to "vote early and often" never reaches! We nevertheless solemnly place a vote in a hat, in front of a glass so as not to cheat, and then resume our occupation.

We were promised great events when the Emperor returned to Paris, but the only events at all remarkable are a horrid wet moon and an invasion of the *grippe*. The long meetings of the Cabinet at Saint Cloud may be devoted to the potato rot and the rose protuberances of the sun for anything the public knows to the contrary. We can imagine that the monarchical tendencies of PRIM and SERRANO have produced a wonderfully tranquilizing effect on the minds of the tenants of Saint Cloud, and that like other fair-weather Christians, the danger once past, they have thrust their prayers back into their portfolios again.

COSAS DE ESPANA.

Who is to be the Washington of Spain? That is the question with which the Paris journals are sawing the air. The grand figure of WASHINGTON is made to promenade before the perplexed eyes of the Spaniards as the only model for imitation. Never did the glorious form of the warrior and sage rise higher above the heads of men than now. The way for the republic appears easy in Spain. WASHINGTON had a thousand difficulties to contend with.

Mme. ISABELLA, of Bourbon, late Queen of Spain, is going to grace Paris society with her presence this Winter. What sort of a figure will she cut in Paris saloons, and will she bring her *petit Marfori* and the golden rose, reward of virtue, lately sent her by the Pope? She has taken for a year, at a rent of 70,000 francs, the two houses standing side by side on the Champs Elysées, which bear the numbers 66 and 68, and which were built and finished fifteen years ago, but have never been occupied, because as soon as built they fell into the hands of heirs and have been in litigation ever since. Her mother's fine new residence is only two doors further up. Once upon a time ISABELLA refused to receive EUGENIE as an Empress, because she claimed her as a subject; it is now EUGENIE's turn to claim ISABELLA as a subject. The tables are turned.

SITUATION OF THE EMPIRE.

Outside of France people talk much of the Emperor's map showing that France has lost nothing by the late continental changes; but, in France, it is regarded as so entirely an electioneering scheme as to attract but little attention. The people about the throne are afraid of the next Legislature, and they have the awkwardness to show it. Not a single opinion has probably been changed by this geographical argument.

The economists, of course, have free scope in attacking his Majesty's map. If the battle of Sadowa improved the position of France territorially, and rendered, therefore, a peace more enduring, why go to work at once and run the treasury several hundred millions in debt for army equipments, and why increase the army suddenly from 700,000 to 1,200,000? Why, if the territorial condition of France is so improved and so satisfactory, suddenly convert the whole country into a camp by calling the whole nation to arms?

NEWS FROM THE SUN.

The news from the sun continues to increase in interest. We shall soon have a daily bulletin of the changes that take place in that important part of our planetary system. The agent of the French Government, M. JEANSON, who was sent highest up into India to observe the total eclipse of the 18th of August, at first sent a telegraphic dispatch saying that the rose-colored protuberances belonged to the sun, and were of a gaseous nature, and that he had also made an unexpected discovery. He afterward sent a letter, which has just been published in the *Moniteur*, and the following extract will show the results obtained and the nature of the important discovery made:

"Immediately after the total eclipse commenced two magnificent protuberances appeared. One of them was more than three minutes in height, and shone with a brilliancy it is difficult to imagine. The analysis of its light showed me immediately that it was formed by an immense gaseous incandescent column, principally composed of hydrogen gas. The analysis of the circumsolar regions, where M. KIRSCHOFF places the solar atmosphere, did not furnish me any evidence in favor of the theory of this illustrious astronomer; the observations I made, however, will, I think, lead to a knowledge of the real nature of the solar spectrum. But the most important of these observations is the discovery of a method, of which the principle was detected while looking at the eclipse, *which will permit the study of the protuberances and the circumsolar regions at all times*, without the necessity of the interposition of an opaque body over the solar disk. This method is founded on the spectral properties of the light of the protuberances—light which resolves itself into a small number of very luminous bundles, corresponding to the centre rays of the solar spectre. The day after the eclipse the new method was used with success, and I was enabled to follow the phenomena as if produced by a new eclipse lasting a whole day. The protuberances of the preceding day were profoundly modified; there remained but few traces of the great protuberance, and the disarbution of the gaseous matter was entirely different. From that day on to the 4th of September, a period of seventeen days, I constantly studied the sun from the same position. I have drawn up maps of the protuberances, which will show with what rapidity (often in a few minutes) these immense gaseous masses change in form and in place. During this period, which was like an eclipse of seventeen days, I collected a great number of facts which presented themselves, so to speak, without being sought for, on the physical constitution of the sun."

All this reads like a romance. ADAMS' famous Moon Hoax does not surpass it. But this time we are reading facts for we not only know who it is that writes, but we know him to be a serious and a capable man. Already, before his return home, Prof. JEANSON has been decorated with the Legion of Honor.

An English astronomer now claims to have made the discovery of the new method of Prof. JEANSON a year ago; but as the English astronomers have never used the method, and as they sent delegations to the East to observe the late eclipse by the old methods, we may accord the merit at least to the French astronomer of having made the discovery for himself, and especially of having utilized it.

Hereafter we must regard the sun as a great ball of burning fire, with immense columns of shifting, gaseous smoke—in fine, a fire that burns and consumes not.

NEW INVENTION.

A curious scene was presented the other day to the Parisians on the bosom of their turbid Seine. A steamboat floating down stream loaded with well-dressed people, an immense American flag floating at the helm, a band of musicians blowing away on noisy brass, and, most strange of all, a man standing bare-headed on the wheel-house, delivering a speech and gesticulating like a crazy man! It was simply Mr. STONER, of New-York, taking a load of French notabilities out to see the operation of his life-saving apparatus for sea-going ships. He ought to do well with his invention, for he treats his guests with an unheard of hospitality.

MALAKOFF.

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The First Snow—The American Election—Mr. John Bright and Political Topics—Tables of Mortality.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov 7, 1868.

The first snow in Southern England fell last night on our beautiful roses, all our brilliant and luxuriant Autumn flowers, our hedges beginning to be covered with the white blossoms of the laurestine, and the newly-planted cabbages. It is a curious thing here in this northern latitude, the sun so low toward the horizon at noon, and the north star so high toward the zenith, to see gardeners at work setting out cabbages and sowing turnips in November. But they grow vigorously all Winter, and the gardens are scarcely ever bare of flowers. The Gulf Stream has credit for much of this mild weather, and deservedly, I think, for the warmest days are when the wind comes from the southwest, and the warmest places are the coasts washed by the tepid waters which have flowed between Cuba and Florida. The internal heat of the earth may have its share. The crust of the planet is supposed to be very thin about here, so that England is nearer the great central fires than most places, which seems likely enough. In a spirit of free competition, we had an earthquake last week, which was felt from the suburbs of London to South Wales. It was not much of a shake, and, if felt at all in London, could not be distinguished from the tremblement of a beer dray, or a passing train in an underground railway.

THE AMERICAN ELECTION.

The result of the election in America has been no surprise or disappointment. It was considered so sure a thing as to spoil the interest. I doubt if a bet was made on the result in this country, where betting is universal. If any cared about it they were like Lord PALMERSTON about the war, as described by Mr. ROEBUCK the other day at Sheffield. ROEBUCK had been making a flaming secession speech at Sheffield, advocating the recognition of the Confederacy. When he came back to London he waited on Lord PALMERSTON—but let ROEBUCK tell the story:

"The moment I got into his room—he was standing writing at his desk as he always did—he turned round and put out his hands, and said, 'ROEBUCK, ROEBUCK, what a devilish good speech you made in Sheffield.' I said, 'My Lord, I am greatly obliged to you, and flattered for the kind phrase you have used about my speech, though it was rather a hard one, you know. I am very much flattered.' 'Flattered?' he said. 'Why, I am entirely of your opinion, but I dare not officially say so.' Now that struck me, according to the old woman's phrase, all of a heap, that a man in power should say to me openly and without disguise that he was entirely of my opinion, and lead the people of England directly the opposite way. 'That,' said I, 'is modern political morality.' I did my work with the gay and pleasant old Lord, and bowed my way out of his room."

PALMERSTON was much more a representative man in those days than ROEBUCK. The "frivolous old heathen" knew his countrymen. They wanted the South to beat, but they did not wish to run any risk about it. ROEBUCK is a century behind the age. He would go to war on a question of policy, or for something that might benefit the next generation. The temper of the people, or at least some portions of England, was shown the other day at a political meeting in Birkenhead. One of the speakers alluded to an objection made to Mr. LAIRD, their representative, because he said he was proud of his connection with the *Alabama*. "Well," said the speaker, "for the matter of that, I think we were all of us proud of it!" He struck a popular chord that instantly vibrated into tumultuous cheering.

This reminds me that that our irrepressible Plenipotentiary has been dining with and making a speech to the Sheriffs and gentlemen in the City of London. Never was a Minister so popular as Mr. JOHNSON. He is invited everywhere—and goes. He is exuberant in his expressions of good will. He takes England to his heart and hugs her harder than she quite cares for. The two countries, he declares, are one country, and have but one Government. All quarrels are ended. The hatchet is buried, and henceforth there is eternal peace. He was glad to settle everything with Lord STANLEY, and now the election of Gen. GRANT, of which there was never a doubt, has filled his cup of happiness. He is going to Newcastle; I believe he is going to Edinburgh. The English do not know what to make of such a jolly old diplomatist, but as they want peace, and trade, and investments everywhere at six per cent., they are immensely pleased with REVERDY JOHNSON.

JOHN BRIGHT AND POLITICAL TOPICS.

Mr. BRIGHT has been to Edinburgh, been presented with the freedom of the city by the Lord Provost, and has made several speeches. The Lord Provost, Mr. WILLIAM CHAMBERS, of the publishing house of W. & R. CHAMBERS, has distributed the civic honors at his disposal with a rare impartiality. Some months ago he conferred the freedom of the the beautiful northern capital upon Mr. DISRAELI. And who shall say that BRIGHT and DISRAELI ought not not to stand side by side as honorary citizens of Auld Reekie, and walk arm in arm through Cannongate and Cowgate? One advocated household suffrage, the other introduced the bill which has made it law. They are two extreme Conservatives, only the accidents of political life have set one of them to leading the Whigs, and the other to educating the Tories. It is not easy to say which has had the hardest task. In my opinion, an old-fashioned Whig, or even a conservative Liberal, is a tougher subject to his high-and-dry Philistinism and Phariseism, than an out-and-out Tory; so, on the whole, I do not think Mr. DISRAELI has done more for the cause of political progress than Mr. BRIGHT.

Of that progress, in the way of voting, we shall have our example in a few weeks, as you have just had yours. There was a rumor in the city a few days ago that the dissolution was to be postponed until after Christmas. It was probably a stock-jobbing *canard*, but many believed it, or at least thought it not unlikely. The *Saturday Review* says:

"No one disbelieved that Mr. DISRAELI would put off the elections, and scarcely any one thought of blaming him for it. He amuses and dazzles the public, who are tickled by his odd success, and console themselves by thinking it can only last for a short time. Another 'dodge' is looked for from him as a matter of course; and if he can find out a way of getting another month of power he loses nothing in public opinion by taking it."

In other words, they judge the Premier by themselves. If they had his power, and could hold it a few months longer, they would do so; and why should not he? Lady MINTO, in her life of Right Hon. HUGH ELLIOT, says: "While a young man does not pay his debts, all men are rogues to him; while he makes love to twenty women, the faithlessness of the sex will be his favorite theme." Mr. DISRAELI is represented in the Liberal Press as a shifty, tricky, unprincipled, dishonest man, who may be expected to resort to any dodge to cheat sithe this own party or his opponents; yet the Liberal Party, with a clear majority of seventy votes in the House, allowed him to come in as Prime Minister, and has kept him there, instead of that earnest, honest Mr. GLADSTONE. And even now there is a difficulty, if the Liberals get their expected majority of ninety in the coming elections, for Mr. ROEBUCK, when questioned the other day at Sheffield on the subject, said he would not support a vote of want of confidence in the Government during the short session. He was ready to vote for the disestablishment of the Irish Church, but not to turn out the Government on a direct issue. Now if there are members enough of this way of thinking, and Mr. DISRAELI can offer a compromise on the Irish Church question acceptable to a majority of the House, it is quite possible that Mr. GLADSTONE may not be Prime Minister, and that Mr. BRIGHT may not become one of the advisers of Her Majesty.

It is pretty clear, however, that Mr. BRIGHT has no idea that any chance or any combination can keep him out of the Cabinet. Never has he taken more radical ground than in his speeches at Edinburgh. "Why go on paying twenty-six millions of pounds sterling a year for army and navy," he asked, "when an agreement between three or four of the most advanced nations would make wars impossible?" It was enough to pay a tax of twenty-six millions as interest on a debt incurred for the needless wars of our ancestors. He advocated a new election cry—"A free breakfast table"—free trade in tea, coffee, sugar, as well as free trade in bread—forgetting, perhaps, as the *Saturday Review* suggests, that his model Republic "impedes trade more systematically than the English Parliaments of Mr. BRIGHT's dark ages." At Edinburgh once more he attacked the monopoly of land. The land had increased ten-fold in value, but the laborer remained the same. Pauperism is increasing, and ignorance, hopeless ignorance, is among the people. Mr. BRIGHT protested against all this.

"I have no notion, he said, "of the country being called in a satisfactory state, and happy and prosperous, when such a state of things exists. You may have an ancient monarchy, with the dazzling glitter of the sovereign, and an ancient nobility, in grand mansions and great estates, and an ecclesiastical hierarchy, covering with worldly pomp that religion whose virtue is humility; but notwithstanding all this, *the whole fabric is rotten, and doomed ultimately to fall; for the great mass of the people on whom it is supported is poor and suffering and degraded.*"

That is what JOHN BRIGHT, expecting in a few weeks to be a member of the Cabinet, says to the people of Edinburgh. Throne, nobility, hierarchy are all rotten and doomed to fall, because the people on whom they rest, who bear this crushing burden, are poor, suffering and degraded. And what is the remedy? None, it seems for throne, nobility and ecclesiastical hierarchy. They are doomed any way. Mr. BRIGHT does not believe in their use or necessity. For the people he demands land, the estates of the nobles, diminished taxation, the perquisites of throne and aristocracy, education, intellectual equality, which will lead to freedom and happiness. The ballot, equal electoral districts, the will of the majority to govern, a more equal distribution of property; in short, and not to put too fine a point upon it, something as much like "liberty, equality and fraternity" as circumstances will admit of, or as may be consistent with the higher law of free trade and universal competition, buying cheap and selling dear.

TABLES OF MORTALITY.

The heat of the past Summer had its effect upon the tables of mortality. It is now seen that the deaths were increased 21,000 above the calculated average, and nearly the whole excess was in the form of cholerate diarrœa and cholera infantum. Towns usually accounted healthy, such as Birmingham, were among the heaviest sufferers. In ordinary seasons the rains keep Birmingham tolerably clean, and the water of its wells fairly diluted. This year the filth remained in the sewers, and the wells were thick with impurities. Consequently the more delicate, or the more exposed, and especially the young children, were poisoned by hundreds in the air they breathed and in the water they drank. I think it can be shown that four-fifths of the entire mortality of this country is caused by preventable poisoning—by foul air, foul water, other poisonous drinks, decayed or adulterated food, or contagious diseases. From forty to fifty per cent. of the out patients—the poor who come for treatment to some of the great London hospitals, such as St. Bartholomew's, are suffering from contagious diseases which could be stamped out by a well-ordered police. But what can you expect of a so-called Government, which allows thieves, burglars, pickpockets and garroters to congregate in parts of London in such numbers that the Police do not dare to go alone into the courts where they lurk, and can only watch strangers to keep out of their neighborhood? They sally out, rob right and left, maltreat, and all but murder, worse than Italian banditti, and then retreat to their haunts, where the Police dare not follow them. The felons who used to be exported to Botany Bay and become Justices of the Peace and members of the Provincial Legislature, now gather in the metropolis and fill whole districts with a population born and bred to a life of crime. And all for the want of a Government. Let us see what household suffrage will do for us. It may send our malefactors to penal servitude and keep them there; but, on the other hand, it may send them to Parliament, on the principle that every great class and interest in the community ought to be represented. For my own part, I am rather in favor of a small revolution, a Provisional Government of Bright's and Mills, and a system of Juntas composed of Odgers and Podgers.

MONADNOCK.

A Spiritualistic Sensation in Dorchester, Mass.—A Hearty Man Refuses to be a Spirit.

From the Boston Herald, Nov. 18.

There has been quite a little sensation in the usually quiet town of Dorchester the past two days. It appears that about three or four years since the Spiritualist fever seized upon the members of one of the families of the town, including the daughter of a widow—both the widow and daughter entering into the new religion with great ardor. The daughter was married, and also the mother of two interesting children. The young man to whom she was married, however, was not a convert to the new faith, and therein probably laid the germ of trouble, which developed in difficulties between them at home. It was alleged at the time that the man was very violent in temper, threatened the life of his wife and children, and gave other evidences of being of unsound mind. A consultation of physicians was held, who came to the conclusion that the husband was not in his right mind, and a warrant was accordingly issued to place him in the Insane Asylum at Worcester. He was therefore seized one fine afternoon while insanely (?) at work on his farm and hustled off to Worcester. If insane, he certainly had a deal of method in his madness, for he escaped from the asylum in about a week after his incarceration, fleeing to New-York, and thence to a relative's in Newark, N. J., where he has remained until a few days since, working daily. Strange to say, not much effort was made, so far as is known, by the officials to recapture the fugitive, and there are a great many people in the town who doubt very much that his reason ever left him. On Monday morning, to the surprise of the neighbors, but more to the surprise of his wife, he appeared to her in *propria persona*. She refused to acknowledge his identity, as he has been reported as among the things that were for at least two years—his "spirit" has been rapped up by his would-be widow and talked with at many a "*séance*"—in fact his spiritual existence was not considered a matter of doubt by either his wife or those who were of the same conviction. A hearty-looking man, encased in a stout overcoat and other dry goods, is not generally considered an object likely to melt away into thin air even at the bidding of a spiritualistic wife, and he had no notion of taking an aerial flight to the (to him) [illegible] realms of bliss, maugre the commands of the loving spouse so to do. On the contrary he coolly sat down and desired to enter into conversation with her upon such worldly matters as her present feelings toward him, the health of his two children, and other matters of equal interest. A deaf ear, however, was turned to his protestations that he had not died, and that he had no intention of so doing as long as he could help himself. The wife seized her bonnet and shawl, fled the house, made her way to school, obtained her two children, and half dragged them at the top of her speed to the residence of her mother, where the doors were barred and locked for fear he would follow her. This he did not do, but quickly made his way to his old home, where he met a more hearty welcome from his old mother. Thus the case stands at present, the woman refusing to believe in the existence of her husband, and the gossips of Dorchester have at least a month's supply of talking before them. How long the husband will allow his wife to still call herself a widow, time and the law will have to determine. Sensations of the *quasi* Enoch Arden character are not always waning, even in such staid and sober places as Dorchester.

BLONDE HAIR.

Telling the Secret of Golden Locks—Art's Victory Over Nature.

What "fair one with the golden locks" was it that first set the fashion of blonde hair, now some years ago? It would be interesting to trace the rise and culmination of the *furor* for golden hair. In the first place, the great step toward putting it into public favor was the appearance of EUGENIE as Empress of France and leader of fashions in the civilized world. In her marvellous splendor—for EUGENIE was no infant when she was married to NAPOLEON, and her orange blossoms did not droop over a girlish cheek, for all the very flattering accounts on the subject of her age, which appeared in the newspaper press of the day—she had very fine, fair hair, of a peculiar golden shade—a Scottish auburn of the rarest and most beautiful tinge. It was to her Scotch descent that she owed her gold hair and her blue eyes and her charmingly fair complexion. From the Spanish side she got that languid and graceful droop of the eyelids—that indescribable but very *distingué* something in the chiseling of her slightly aquiline features, and her graceful but somewhat languid repose of manner.

She was a fair, blonde, matured woman when she was married to the Emperor, and *her hair* was one of her best points; it was of such an unusual shade. Perhaps never since the days when Queen ELIZABETH set all the Court poets to raving about her frankly red hair, which they beautified with the epithet of golden; and MARY STUART, in complaisance to the prevailing mode, wore red fronts over her own lovely brown hair—had any woman been elevated to so prominent a position as EUGENIE's, with so many advantages in her favor for inaugurating a new fashionable color of the hair. For hers was really and truly beautiful. Now, if it had been the true red color which had so long been in disgrace—she might have tried in vain to bring it into fashion, for women would never have taken heartily to so common a color—not even to be like the Empress. But a woman never sees any other woman possessed of some prominent and unusual personal advantage, either natural or acquired, without wanting to appropriate or imitate it—unless, indeed, she be so beautiful in her own right, that she has no fear about the legitimacy of her own personal claims. But such is the force of fashion that you might easily count the number of women possessed of dark hair, of which they were securely proud, before blonde hair ruled the day, who do not now regret that their hair is not naturally of the fashionable color, even if they sensibly abstain from endeavors to make it so artificially. And yet, only a few years ago, if you had offered to turn their hair to a golden color for them, they would have thought you a monster of barbaric taste!

To return to the Empress—it was she, also, who first set the fashion of tampering with the color of the hair, the passion for which is now so common among women, and that was some years ago. As she was not in her first youth at the time of her marriage, she began to break very soon, especially after the birth of her son. Even CATHARINE DE MEDICIS was not more devoted to cosmetics than EUGENIE is represented to be. Not many years after her marriage, her beautiful blonde hair began to lose its color and brightness. It had a dead, faded look, which alarmed the Empress exceedingly; the royal *coiffeur* was consulted, and he pretended to originate a specific which was to restore to the locks of EUGENIE their lost burnish. But, instead of doing this, the evil seems to have been increased by his preparations. In fact, at the time, it was said that he had ruined the hair of the Empress, and he was put in disgrace for it.

When I saw her not quite four years ago, her hair had entirely lost its early brightness; and I had a good chance of seeing her one morning in the chapel of the Tuileries, as she knelt, bareheaded, beside the Emperor. No color at all, would better describe the color of her hair, as seen in daylight and uncovered. It was, perhaps, the least noticeable feature in her personal appearance. She was still pretty and graceful, with the nicest little hand in the world, looking very attractive in its light brown and perfectly-fitting kid glove. But there was no *éclat* of beauty about her, as seen, plainly dressed, in the daytime. No brightness of eyes and hair, no brilliancy of complexion. You saw a very *distingué*, rather delicate, exceedingly graceful woman, somewhat *fadé* an l fatigued-looking.

Still, though the gold gleams no longer in the hair of the Empress, she it was who brought gold hair into such high favor with fashionable women. So that even red and carroty locks are more than tolerated now, for their resemblance to the favorite hue. But there are many mysteries connected with blonde hair in these days.

Only a few years ago not one woman in a large number had brown or black eyes, and golden or light brown hair. These were among the exceptions. But now! How many women do you not meet on the street, at the opera, in the ball-room, in whose appearance there is a certain mysterious incongruity which strikes you at the first glance? It is indescribable, however, and you cannot tell just where it is. If you will think a moment, you will see that their want of harmony lies between the color of the eyes, complexion and general style, and *the color of the hair*. It is, moreover, somewhat remarkable, that so many women should all have hair of very nearly the same shades of color, while their eyes and complexions are so different! You know the two prevailing shades by heart. You know the light brown hair, of about the color of a pale filbert, but with a peculiar dead look about it; matted and crimped and fluffed out, till it looks like picked oakum. This color of hair goes with brown and black eyes generally. You may take the heads of fifty women of this style and lay them together and you will see that the hair of all is very near the same color, and that it does not seem like natural hair at all, but has an artificial and lifeless look about it.

Then there is the conventional yellowish-golden color—this is quite stunning. It requires courage for a woman to abandon her own dark locks and walk forth in all the blazon of the real, orthodox gold color. It sometimes causes doubts as to her identity, and is embarassing in various ways. Yet, women possess the moral courage to brave all these inconveniences, especially those with whom the grand ultimatum is to be looked at everywhere and by every body. BROWNING's poem of "Gold Hair," no doubt, did a great deal to settle and confirm the fashion among the more refined circles.

But, ladies, you who have not gold hair, yet are determined to have it, you ought to count the cost before you undertake the metamorphosis. I will give you some idea of what "the cost" is in many cases.

I know of a beautiful English woman who had lovely light brown hair—such masses of it, and so long too! She was ambitious to be always in the latest style, and she coveted golden hair excessively. But her husband, whose affection she wished to retain, would not hear of such a thing; and I think she was ashamed to tell him what she wanted. Well, she went to Baden one Summer, and the husband had to remain behind in London on account of engagements of some sort. He rejoined his wife at Baden a month after her arrival there. But she had made good use of that month of freedom! She appeared before his astonished gaze in all the glory of burnished golden locks. Candor compels me to confess that the transformation was becoming to her—and though her husband scolded, he was not as savage as he would have been if he had known what was going on, before the final effect was obtained. The metamorphosis had cost her a month of seclusion in her own rooms and much trouble. But her triumph among her fashionable friends was great, and that repaid her for all. She soon began to experience the inconvenience of strutting in borrowed plumes; for as the hair grew out, in a few months, it began to change its color at the roots, then it was necessary to endure another period of seclusion and have more of the Golden—whatever it was called—lotion or hair elixir or something of that sort. Her *coiffeur* had exhausted his first installment of that article. A fresh supply was obtained and applied, when lo very shortly after its application her hair began to come out by handfulls!—just like the dead hair off of the dead scalp of a corpse! and it had turned to such a disgusting color! Imagine our beauty's distress! There must have been some chemical poison in the compound. As it was, to save her hair from utter ruin, she had to have her head shaved close and that was the result of changing the natural color of her hair. But that was not all. Her husband was away at the time, and she had to make up a story about having been ill of brain fever, to him and her fashionable friends, to save herself from being covered with ridicule should the story get out. Her hair is growing out now; but it will never be as beautiful as it was before. This is a true story, and as its moral, I give those who are inclined to be smitten with the mania for golden hair, the sentiment, "Let well enough alone."

HOWARD GLYNDON.

THE MODE IN SMALL THINGS.

Cards, Billets Doux, Bills of Fare, Invitations and Books of the Season.

Violet-colored ink is in vogue in London and Paris, among the ladies of the cream of the *ton*, in view of which the snobbish *Court Journal*, with a pun worse than the later ones of WILLIS, when Hyperion was in his dotage, ventures the witticism or sotticism that "the little secrets of the pretty creatures will be kept inviolate for the season." In what color shall the secret be kept in New-York has at last been settled; and violet ink is to have the patronage of the *ton*, as mauve had last Winter. For monograms, also, violet is to be the leading color.

Visiting cards are to be, for the season, somewhat larger than formerly; for the *mode* has been announced, and whoever would be *au fait* in card, billet and note etiquette must, perforce, conform, or submit to be tabooed. Visiting cards—so runs the fiat—must tend to the square rather than the oblong, which was the tendency last season. The material is to be of the finest Bristol board, without glazing—an eminently sensible return to simplicity. Of course, the shape may be varied somewhat to taste, though the exceedingly long forms are not to be admitted into the best society, and will cut as odd a figure in the receiver as a Yankee fresh from down East and made up after *Solon Shingle* would out on the Avenue de L'Imperatrice. The proper adaptation of lettering to size will be maintained—that is, the season of 1865-6, when letters sprawled at all angles over the surface of the card, will not be repeated. The English script will still maintain its supremacy as a leading letter, and will not be superseded this season at least in its inimitable styles of Old English text. Some few novelties have, however, been introduced, among which may be reckoned the dropped capitals and the exceedingly neat extra shaded.

Visiting cards, with the familiar words denoting the object of the call, will only remain in use to a limited extent—in fact, will be limited in use to calls of congratulation and condolence. The word *visite*, on the left hand upper corner, is to be engraved upon the reverse side; and the corner containing the key word of the call is still to be turned down to denote the object of the call.

The word, *félicitation*, on the right hand corner, is engraved for visits of congratulation on some happy event, as a birth or a marriage—if either be a happy event in these days of hard taxes; while on the left lower corner the familiar *congé*—is it never to be superseded, as ran the sensible rumor, by something English?—will signify to take leave before taking leave of town. The remaining corner is of course to be marked *condolence*.

Cards sent to friends, before leaving for a journey of any duration, are to be issued with the usual cabalistic addition of P. P. C. in the left-hand corner; and this, too, notwithstanding the strong movement of the purists last Summer to substitute the initials of the corresponding English phrase.

Envelopes for cards are set down for the season as plain, very heavy, and to bear the ornaments either of the monogram or the initial—though, in families affecting cresta and armorials, these may be substituted.

The Grecian bend has sadly interfered with the matrimonial market—so many of the stylish having been compelled to give their whole attention to its cultivation, to the exclusion of all other engagements; but, latterly, the desirable curvature of the spinal column having been effected in most cases, a new impulse of the market may be anticipated. Even now the promenades are thronged with walking little S's—candidates having practiced on the bend to their satisfaction—and, hence, there is some call for wedding invitations.

In these delicate epistles, which form a part of the embroidery of living, all abbreviations are to be avoided. Eve. for evening, and P. M. for afternoon are no longer to be tolerated; and the full words which they represent will in all cases appear in their places. In ceremonious weddings the note-sheet is square, and is embellished with a gigantic monogram in relief, interlacing the initials of both bride and bridegroom—a very pretty bit of sentimentalism, by the way, for these days when the matrimonial market is rather Turkish in its quotations. Of course, the individual cards—perhaps one ought to say personal, though all individuals are not persons—must be inclosed in the same envelope. The cards must also, as formerly, be united with a neat satin tie, which explains the case. In some cases, a third card is inclosed, with reception days for the month after marriage.

A very neat style of card has the customary "At home" on the note-sheet, a ceremony card, (*a jour fixé*,) and the united cards of both bride and groom, all in large envelope with elaborate monogram or initial, crawling like a huge spider in relief over the flap.

Phraseologies for the season are less oriental—a softened synonym of high-falutin—than formerly. For a quiet wedding at home the following is the fixed phrasing:

Mr. and Mrs. ——
Request the pleasure of —— company at breakfast on Wednesday, December 16, at one o'clock.
——, Madison-square.

Of course it would be unpardonable to write Dec. 16 for the full phrase, or 1 P. M. for the full one o'clock,

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Chinese Embassy are receiving marked attentions from the British Government. On Friday they were presented to the Queen at the Castle, by Lord STANLEY.

The cable reports that Lord STANLEY has acceded to the modification of the terms of the settlement of the *Alabama* claims, permitting the Commission to sit in Washington.

The Egyptian cotton crop will aggregate, this year, 2,000,000 cantars.

The market town of San Giorgo is in danger of being utterly destroyed by the burning lava from the extraordinary eruption of Vesuvius now going on.

GENERAL.

Contradictory reports are received from Havana concerning the Cuban insurrection. The insurgents claim that they hold the town of Puerto Principe, and have a force of from ten to twelve thousand men, while VALMASEDA is reported, by telegrams received at the Government headquarters, in full possession of this place, and about ready to attack the insurrectionists. The latter still have possession of Bayamo and some other towns. The Republicans of Cuba claim that the revolutionists are daily receiving reinforcements.

Dispatches were received at the Navy Department yesterday from Rear Admiral DAVIS, commanding the South Atlantic Squadron, giving full particulars of the expedition of the United States steamer *Wasp* to Paraguay to relieve Minister WASHBURN. These are not yet made public; but extracts from a letter of the Commander of the *Wasp* are given in our Washington dispatch, which state that President LOPEZ had expressed a desire to be on friendly terms with the United States, and had cheerfully furnished to the *Wasp* an escorting vessel bearing a flag of truce, as far as the Brazilian ironclads anchored below the batteries at Angostura. Rear Admiral DAVIS accompanies Gen. MCMAHON, our newly appointed Minister to Paraguay.

Two young men of the Senior Class at Dartmouth were recently suspended, and a large portion of the class escorted them, with a band of music, to the cars. For this thirty-one members of the class were themselves suspended till they should make a satisfactory apology to the Faculty. The required apology was soon made.

Hon. GEORGE W. MESSENGER has declined the nomination for Mayor of Boston given him by the Parker House Committee, and Hon. MOSES KIMBALL has been placed at the head of this Committee's ticket. THOMAS M. KIMBALL is made the candidate of the Republican and the People's Parties, against Mayor SHUTLEFF, the nominee of the Democrats.

Two, three and four wheeled velocipedes appeared on Boston Common on Friday, and attracted considerable attention both from the people and the Press.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Committee of Massachusetts, have completed arrangements for transporting those who wish to attend the inauguration of Gen. GRANT on the 4th of March. The total cost of fare, lodging and meals from Boston to Washington and return will be only $15.

A partial list of the insurance of Messrs. DOWDELL, PAGE & Co., whose foundry in St. Louis, Mo., was burned on Friday night, is as follows: City Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, $2,500; Yonkers, New-York, $2,500; North American, Philadelphia, $5,000; Lorillard, New-York, $5,000; Lombard, $5,000; Home, New-Haven, Conn., $5,000; Albany City, Albany, $2,500; United States, of Baltimore, $2,500.

Three persons were suffocated in a fire at Lowell, Mass., yesterday morning. They were lodgers, permanent and temporary, in the building burned. This was on Meminock-street, owned by JOHN NESMITH, and occupied by S. R. FLETCHER as a bonnet bleachery, and ELDRIDGE DEARBORN as a boot and shoe store. The loss by fire is about $4,000; partially insured.

The money panic in St. John, N. B., still continues. On Saturday the notes of the St. Stephen's Bank were selling at 35 per cent. discount; and of the Commercial—which has suffered by the embezzlement of its cashier—at 30 per cent. discount. The notes of the Yarmouth Bank, of Nova Scotia, and of the Prince Edward's Island Bank, were refused.

Seven persons, one an old man of 70 years of age, who had been convicted of petty offences, were put to the torture of the whipping post at New-Castle, Del., yesterday. The old man received twenty lashes upon his bare back, and cried and moaned piteously. One man was placed in the pillory until he was totally helpless with the cold, and then the poor fellow received twenty lashes. When this barbarous punishment was over the prisoners were put in jail, where they are to remain six months, and then wear convict's dress in public for six months longer. This punishment is entirely in accordance with the laws of Delaware.

The people of Lewiston, Me., have declined, by a vote of 502 to 276, to subscribe for $50,000 of the stock of the Somerset Railroad.

One of the gang of thieves who assaulted the old man AARON BLISS, in his house, at Monson, Mass., on Friday, and robbed him of money and bonds, was arrested yesterday. The detectives are on the track of the others, and are confident of their ability to bring them speedily to justice.

Boston is to have a new freight line to the West, to be formed by the Fitchburg, Cheshire, Rutland and Burlington, Rensselaer and Saratoga and other roads. Portland is to join hands with her in opening this new line to Chicago and the Mississippi, and will get her western freight *via* Boston, and over the Eastern, Portland, Saco and Portsmouth and Boston and Maine roads, whose coöperation has been secured. The plan is for each road in the line west of Boston to furnish one box-car for each three miles of their road; the cars to be of uniform pattern, and to be used exclusively for the stations, through or local, between Burlington, Iowa; Chicago, Boston and Portland. The roads between Boston and Portland will furnish as many cars as the business may require.

The earthquake was last heard from at Stonington, Conn., about 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

The printers of Leavenworth, Kansas, now on a strike, publish an address to the workingmen, in which they state that the only difference between them and the proprietors of the *Evening Bulletin*, the office in which the strike took place, is that the proprietors demanded that the printers should work by the week instead of by the piece, or reduce their scale of prices. This was not acceded to; hence the strike.

The Vermont Legislature closed at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The last hours were given to a heated debate on the proposed extension of the Rutland and Bennington Railroad, resulting in the triumph of the applicants for the charter.

The recent riot in Bear River City, Utah, resulted in the death of twenty rioters and the wounding of thirty-five—two mortally. The city is now under martial law and quiet. A St. Louis dispatch states that the mob have fled to the mountains, and declared their intention to march on the town four hundred strong and burn it.

Particulars of the wreck of the American ship *Hallowell*, on the Pacific coast, are received. During a gale on the 19th inst. she was driven ashore off Pigeon Point, and almost immediately fell into pieces, and disappeared. The Captain, first mate and nine seamen were drowned. The ship was seventy-nine days out from Newcastle, N. S. W. She was laden with coal for San Francisco.

A woman named HANNAH MYERS, about forty years of age, professing to hail from Philadelphia, has been arrested in Baltimore, Md., for the forgery of a check for $2,430 on the Planters' Bank. It is said that the same woman attempted to swindle the Pennsylvania National Bank, at Philadelphia, of $8,000, about a year ago.

An eminent civil engineer of Boston has prepared a novel plan for widening the main avenues of that city. The plan is somewhat similar to that adopted by the present NAPOLEON in Paris, to wit: broad avenues, radiating from Dock-square as a centre, stretching out east, west, north and south, with but two bridges over Charles River, a tunnel to East Boston, one wide avenue to Brookline, one to South Boston, &c. The plan also contemplates the consolidation of the different railroad lines in the south, southwest and east at a point on South Boston wharf, where tide-water can be directly reached, and where the largest class of docks can be made. When the plan is perfected it will be submitted to the Boston City Government.

The City Council of Atlanta, Ga., a few days ago, unanimously resolved to subscribe $300,000 in 7 per cent. bonds in aid of the construction of the Air Line Railroad. The President of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company has also pledged $190,000 for the same object. It is the intention of the Company to commence work—starting at Atlanta—at an early day.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* publishes a letter from Gen. ROSECRANS, in which he urges the Government to complete the building of the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, and shows how large sums of money would be saved the United States Treasury if Congress will agree to continue the subsidies.

The striking operatives at Newport, R. I., have resumed work.

Another snake story is going the rounds, as difficult to swallow as the worst of its predecessors, that in Northville, Wayne County, Mich., a child has been born with two snake heads growing from the top of the trunk of the body. One is that of an anaconda and the other that of a black snake. They have to be kept separate, for on sight of each other they commence fighting. To feed them, it is necessary to lay the child on its back, and let them lick milk from a plate. The parents have been offered $5,000 for this child-reptile, but refuse to accept the offer. We would not advise anybody to offer more money.

By the arrival of the steamship *Arizona* at this port, we are in receipt of our Panama correspondence. It contains no news of moment, but expresses the uneasiness of the residents of the town lest the revolutionary manœuvres of the natives result in a general outbreak and consequent bloodshed.

Yesterday a person, representing the firm of Fox & Co., No. 212 Broadway, was brought before the City Marshal, and made to refund $3 each to five young men, for whom he had promised to procure situations on receipt of $3 each, and had failed to comply with his promise.

A mass meeting of cigarmakers on strike was held, yesterday afternoon, in the City Hall Park. Speeches were made, and an adjournment took place until Tuesday evening, at Turner's Hall, No. 27 Orchard-street. Much enthusiasm prevailed.

The number of deaths during the past week was 336; marriages, 177; births, 236; still-born, 34.

The steamship *Eagle*, from Havana Nov. 14, reached this port yesterday. Purser J. E. HUERTAS will accept our thanks for courtesies.

The Pacific Highway and Its Shores.

Many persons will recall the speech which Mr. SEWARD delivered in Baltimore, about two years ago, wherein, half with good-humored banter of the Eastern and Middle States, and half in a very grave earnest, he declared that the sceptre of authority in the Republic was already passing from the Atlantic coast to the great Mississippi Valley and that it would not pause even *there*, but would travel westward, cross the Rocky Mountains, and ere long remain fixed on the Pacific shore.

A parallel to this utterance from an Englishman equally distinguished among his own countrymen, equally prominent both in experience and in official station, and pronounced about the same time is to be found in a certain famous word of DISRAELI's. Reproached with the decline of British influence in continental politics, and called to look upon a vividly-drawn oratorical contrast of the England of Queen ANNE and of all the GEORGES, in this respect, compared with the isolated England of to-day, he boldly declared that England was less a European than an *Asiatic* Power, in her foreign interests, and could afford to let European intrigues alone.

A common train of thought comes from these analogous political propositions, which every day carries further, and makes more important. The four leading nations of the globe now find their foreign interests mainly Asiatic—England, France, Russia and America are commercial competitors for the favor of Asiatic Powers and the control of Asiatic wealth.

The Pacific may one day be to the civilization and commerce of the future what the Atlantic has been and is to the civilization of the past and present. It may be the grand highway of commerce and the new field of scientific exploration. The question of steam transportation for the Pacific has already within a few years been solved; the laying of a Pacific cable in high latitude is but a matter of time.

The carrying trade of the Pacific is, of course, the main immediate interest in this grand problem; but involved with that is the question of the possession of its shores. The control of the eastern is irrevocably ours. The Mexican war brought California into the possession of the United States—a possession ratified and extended southward to the forty-second parallel by the treaty of 1848. The disputed title to Oregon (and its northern part, now Washington Territory,) terminated by the treaty of 1846, which continued our unquestionable possession to the forty-ninth parallel. Mr. SEWARD's purchase of Russian America buttressed our territorial expanse on the icy bounds of the Arctic. And, without giving too much heed to the theory of "manifest destiny," it seems not at all improbable that one day the whole intervening stretch of coast known as British Columbia, will be ours. In like manner, it is probable that by purchase, or otherwise, the great peninsula of Lower California will gravitate to the Union, and with that the eastern shores of the Gulf of California—the States of Sonora and Sinaloa.

In other words, the possession of the whole eastern shore of the North Pacific will probably be ours in due time, as is its commercial control to-day. That this probability is generally recognized, is clear from the indisposition of any other of the great Powers to struggle hard for a foothold there. The San Juan dispute is in fair train of settlement, and, although the joint occupancy of the Haro Archipelago is continued until the arbitrament of the boundary question, the rest of the Swiss reference is hardly problematical.

But it is the western shores of the Pacific whose possession is more disputable. The late strides of Russia have caused the prediction to be hazarded that the time will come when the whole western coast of the North Pacific will be in Russian possession, as the whole eastern will be in that of the United States. But this is a speculation outrunning the warrant of historic fact.

Passing below the regions of the great Ochotsk and Kamschatka seas (Russian, of course, but, from their climate and situation, of little commercial importance) we find the great, rich, and valuable valley of the Amoor now occupied by Russia, and in the full current of advancing and productive civilization. Stretching southerly through the Tartar province of Manchooria, the same Power has added this latter important region to her domains.

But, when we come to Japan and China, the recent attitude of these two great empires has reversed their prospective destinies, because they may now be regarded as having voluntarily put themselves under the shield of international law. So long as they rejected the overtures of Christian Powers, they were in some danger of being held as fair prey for the first comer—for occupation by the right of discovery. The present century has changed all this; and, with the formal opening of ports, the cultivation of mutual relations with the rest of the world, and the sending out of international embassies to foreign Courts, it is clear that they have taken the surest means to guarantee their own integrity. Precisely the same law which was invoked to preserve the "sick man" of the Bosphorus, could be invoked to save from destruction any supposed sick sovereigns on the Yellow, Japan, or China seas. It is precisely this feature which makes it clear that in forecasting a dismemberment of China, or an invasion of Japan, we proceed, as has been said, beyond the warrant of historic facts. China and Japan, like Turkey, have taken bonds of all Christendom, by putting themselves, of late, in the current of Western civilization; and it is this, too, which gives to Mr. BURLINGAME's mission so much significance.

South of China, the French have firmly established themselves in Annam, and hold important positions along the Cochin-China shore. We have before taken occasion to refer to the profound and patient attention which the French Government had paid to its Asiatic colonial possessions here. Whether the recent religious outrages committed by the Annamites against French soldiers and native Christians will be seized upon as a pretext for further movements there, remains to be seen. As for Great Britain, her interest in the North Pacific is, of course, commercial rather than territorial. Her easternmost post is Singapore, at the equator. Her Chinese and Japan trade is merely that which other Powers enjoy.

Our own relations with China and Japan are probably more friendly and satisfactory (thanks to a wise diplomacy) than those of any other Power. These countries have been given to understand that they had everything to hope, and nothing to fear, from us. They have been made to feel that our geographical position was such as to render territorial aggrandizement in Asia beyond our interests or our desires. And, in fine, we may safely assert that, as the Pacific highway gradually develops in importance, our share in its benefits will progress in equal ratio.

The Incorrigible Grant.

We had thought—or hoped, at least—that, with the "ides of November" (as the political bards poetically denominate election day) would come an end of the complaints against Gen. GRANT's "silence;" and yet here is a contemporary quite taking it to heart that while the President elect can enjoy "STEWART's suppers and BONNER's boys," he has no tongue to "tell his view of the meaning of his election," or to "foreshadow his future policy."

An extraordinary man, of a truth! He burns his office-seeking letters by the bushel; dodges button-holing bores; frowns on serenades; makes journeys to West Point and New-York in a civilian's suit; flings no pennies to the populace, and no promises to the politicians who dog his path; and last, and worst, while his mouth is agape for a good dinner, it will not drop out winged words of honeyed sweetness, to be wafted mellifluously over the continent. Verily, an extraordinary man.

We advise our chagrined contemporary to be patient. GRANT will speak in good time; and just now it would be quite out of the way for him to take the stump. Though morally sure of an election at the hands of the Electoral College, the actual ballots that are to choose him have not yet been thrown; and, meanwhile, we can all afford to wait. Nor can we share the opinion that "a stolid reticence will probably mark his official career." That his official utterances may be *terse*, we do not pretend to dispute; that they will even lack the voluminousness and verbosity of some Presidents preceding, we concede. But it is not always those who talk most who have most to say. GRANT's few words are sterling coin, that have rung true metal on the world's counter, and been passed from hand to hand as emblems of genuine value, while the profuse paper currency put out by the bale by many others has been suspicious and below par from the start. What MATTHEW PRIOR says, somewhere, is very applicable on this point:

"For one may speak with Tully's tongue,
Yet all the while be in the wrong,
And 'tis remarkable that they
Talk most who have the least to say."

In place, therefore, of troubling ourselves that Gen. GRANT is not garrulous, and does not "improve" his present visit and tour to say something startling, we may be content with that "reticence" which is natural to him. In his present position it would be difficult, indeed, to say anything appropriate regarding his future administration. In such circumstances men are generally prone to use language as TALLEYRAND claimed that it was intended to be used, "to conceal thoughts;" and in reality, therefore, we lose very little by reason of the fact that GRANT has not the diplomatic faculty of talking an immense deal without saying anything.

The Fulton Ferry Accident.

The Coroner's inquest in the case of the boy GEORGE BREWER, who was killed at Fulton Ferry the other day, has been concluded with the following verdict:

"That the death of GEORGE BREWER was caused by injuries from a collision between the ferry-boats *Hamilton* and *Union* on Nov. 14, 1868, at the Fulton Ferry, the said collision being the result of the excess of passengers on board the *Hamilton*, thereby rendering her in a great measure unmanageable in such a state of the tide."

This naturally disposed of the first stage of the investigation, and the two pilots were accordingly set at liberty.

But what next? The jury assigned a distinct cause for the accident, in "the excess of passengers on board the *Hamilton*," which rendered her "in a great measure unmanageable." Why did not the jury push their researches a little further? Why was there an "excess of passengers on board the *Hamilton*?" What right have the Ferry Company to crowd their boats so that they can become unmanageable in *any* "state of the tide?" Is this a necessity of the present condition of travel between New-York and Brooklyn? is it because the Ferry Company cannot obtain dock-room enough to run a sufficient number of boats for the hundreds of thousands of human beings whom they transport every day? or, is it because they think they cannot afford to pay the price such additional dock-room would demand? or, is it because ferry-transit is become too limited for the immense traffic, and a bridge is imperatively needed? or, is it that a close and penurious policy prevails in the Company's management—or what is it? There is need, urgent need, for some process of investigation that shall answer these questions. For "such a state of the tide" is a thing that comes around pretty regularly; and it has its periodical coincidences with an "excess of passengers on board" the Company's ferry-boats; and if at such times the boats are "unmanageable," it behoves the public to know it—for the danger is positively frightful in its frequency and extent.

If the Company will not provide sufficient accommodation, they should be made to do it; if they cannot afford to do it, let them make way for those who can; if accommodation is not to be had, let the two cities take some earnest, immediate and practical action in regard to building that long-talked-of bridge. It is a shame that two great towns, with a million and a half of inhabitants, should sit listlessly by and see such daily, hourly perils to thousands and hundreds of thousands of their people, and do nothing to avert them.

The pilots are acquitted of blame; how about the Company?

The Seventh-avenue.

The property owners on Seventh-avenue are taking steps more effectually to prevent the paving of that fine street with the Stafford wooden pavement. They oppose it on the ground that the pavement is expensive, that it is untried, and that the whole thing is a mere job. All this is doubtless true. We have not the slightest doubt that the passage of the original ordinance was secured by bribery, and that members of the Common Council were paid in cash for their votes. The pavement certainly is expensive; and not a yard of it, we believe, has ever been laid down or used anywhere. A large part of the expense probably grows out of the necessity of getting back, in some way, the money paid the Common Council to secure the passage of the ordinance.

But everybody who knows anything of our City affairs, knows that nothing can be done here, involving cost, that is not a job; and if all jobs are broken up, all transactions involving dishonesty and corruption are stopped, improvement in City matters becomes impossible. The property owners on Seventh-avenue do not consult their own interest if they neglect any opportunity to make of that avenue what it ought to be—the main approach to the Central Park. The Fifth-avenue is badly paved, is constantly blockaded by building operations and by new sewers, and will not afford for some years to come, pleasant and unobstructed access to the Park. A smooth, noiseless, easy and comfortable pavement in Seventh-avenue would divert the main current of driving from the Fifth-avenue, and thus increase the attractiveness of the street and the value of property upon it. It is a broad avenue, one of the broadest in the City, and could easily be made one of the most attractive. The present pavement is the very worst that could possibly be devised, and the whole appearance of the street is ugly and depressing. The owners of property upon it will find it for their interest to favor whatever improvements accident or *jobs* may put within their reach.

A Great Project for New-York City.

For public improvements or great works of public utility in this City, we are accustomed to look, either to the State Legislature or to private enterprise. There are two reasons why we cannot look to the local authorities in such matters. In the first place, they would not undertake any one of them, unless there were some "job," gigantic, fraudulent, and ruinous concealed under it; and, in the second place, they have been deprived of the power of undertaking them by the Legislature. It is painful and disheartening, on looking at the great public works that are wanted in this City, to feel that their accomplishment is almost hopeless. It is painful to think that we are under the domination of municipal authorities incapable of entertaining any conception of the necessities of this great Metropolis, and incapable of taking any view of its affairs apart from their own personal pecuniary interests. It is to be expected that, in being compelled to rely on the State Legislature, many things of great importance and value will be overlooked or undervalued. It is not to be expected that a body representing the whole State will take that immediate, active and effective interest in our local affairs which is necessary to their full development. As a consequence of the dislocation and incoherence now existing—as a consequence of the incapacity and dishonesty of the municipal authorities and the negligence and ignorance of the State authorities, the City is prevented from working out the magnificent destiny for which it is so eminently and wonderfully adapted.

There is no effort of imagination playing upon the opportunities and possibilities of New-York City that could outstrip the actual facts certainly and easily capable of realization. As a great centre of the world's commerce, as a mart of trade, as a spot for manufactures, as a field for capital, industry, success, health and happiness,—New-York City has a superiority over any other spot on the American continent. It has citizens more enterprising than elsewhere, and capitalists more ready to put their means into whatever promises profit or advantage. All it requires to put it foremost among the cities of the world is a Government *intelligent* and *honest*. And though it may work upward, and does labor onward, with a government of quite another character, yet its citizens never lose the consciousness of how much they suffer, and how greatly they are held back by an administration of ignorance and corruption.

Hopeless as may be the prospect of seeing the great public works and improvements we need actually accomplished, it is still pleasant to discuss new propositions of advancement, and new schemes of change. It gives us at least the pleasure of speculation, and may, perhaps, in its way, help to prepare people to take part in bringing about a better state of things in the future.

Mr. WADDELL, of this City, has recently made an interesting statement of a great project for the City, under the following title:

"A rapid transit by steam, the whole length of New-York City; the anticipated receipts at New-York of freights from Asia over the Union Pacific Railroad; suitable depots for its reception; and immediate transmission therefrom to Europe, direct from railroad cars on shipboard, &c., &c., &c."

He refers to the position of New-York City on the island upon which it is built, surrounded by navigable water, and admirably adapted for commercial purposes. He speaks of the wharves and piers and bulkheads of the great City, which are composed of dilapidated wooden piles, entirely unfit for the accommodation of shipping and commerce, and shows that better structures are urgently called for, not only for present business, but eminently for the prospective trade which must ere long flow into its harbor by the Pacific Railroad, and its connections on its way to Europe. He then submits a comprehensive plan by which he believes these great ends may be accomplished; immense profits be realized by those who shall undertake its construction; and the desired end be attained, not only of affording that which has so long been desired—procuring rapid steam-travel from the upper to the lower end of the City—but also the construction of suitable piers and wharves and depots, so indispensably necessary to accommodate the vast amount of freight which must arrive at New-York for transhipment to Europe, on the completion of the Pacific Railroad, now drawing toward completion. He says that with all the energy we could bestow, these great improvements in our City could scarcely be completed before the treasures of the Orient will be pouring in upon us.

Mr. WADDELL's proposition is to widen the most westwardly street or avenue throughout the length of the Island to one hundred and fifty feet—so that we should have an outside western street of this width nearly on an air line from the Battery to Spuyten Duyvil, the two ends of the City—building stores, &c., on one side, and the bulkhead on the other; with piers extending into the Bay therefrom. He shows that scarcely any structure would be destroyed or injured by such an improvement. He argues that the bulkhead and all the piers should be built of stone, and that no city in the world could build stone structures of this description so cheaply in such a locality as the City of New-York; for millions of tons of stone already prepared now lie at the foot of the Palisade rocks on the shore of New-Jersey, opposite to this City; transportable by scows, without cartage, direct to the bulkhead and piers to be so erected.

For the development of the rest of Mr. WADDELL's project, we cannot do better than quote his own words:

"On this bulkhead line—and occupying fifty feet in width of the proposed street or avenue—should be erected substantial stone warehouses, with arched stone roofs, say at fifteen feet elevation, leaving two cartways, right and left, to each pier. Place on these structures four pair of steel rails, the two centre pair for a through track, and the two outer pair for way tracks. Two, three or more of these stone wharves or piers, for depots, should be selected in various localities, and be built up to two or three or more stories in height. The second floor (or first above the traveled cartways) to be on the level of the railroad tracks, should have hatchways therein to hoist merchandise from carts, and should have rails thereon, with all necessary turnouts. At midnight, when passenger travel might be partially suspended, freight cars from Milwaukee, Chicago, Cincinnati, Omaha, &c., could be filled with freight direct from sea-going vessels, and be passed off the island to their ultimate destination; and *vice versa*, merchandise could pass direct from the cars on board ship. In time, merchants in the far West will import direct from Europe and other foreign parts to ports on the Pacific, and intermediate stations, *viâ* railroad; the United States placing Custom-house locks on cars to their destination, and duties be made payable at those Western points; and teas and silks from India will be shipped by way of railroad from San Francisco, under Custom-house locks, and the duties thereon be made payable in the City of New-York. The great daily transportation of passengers to and from the upper portion of the City would be accomplished with great celerity. With lightning speed through passengers from Spuyten Duyvil, Fort Washington, Carmansville, Manhattanville, or any other fixed point for through passengers, could pass to the Battery in ten or twenty minutes; and from thence, perhaps, up as far as Canal-street by omnibusses or horse cars. Way passengers on the two outside way tracks could be landed at various points. The two centre pair of rails for the through passenger travel should be fenced off from the way tracks, so that no obstruction could possibly occur on the through tracks. The substructures, stone store-houses, could be used for storage, coopers, sailmakers, junk shops, &c."

Mr. WADDELL shows the superiority of his project to the railroad proposed to be constructed from Spuyten Duyvil, on the Hudson River Railroad, eastwardly across Westchester County to deep water on Long Island Sound. He also utters a word of warning in saying that it may be a matter of deep consideration at this time, when railroads are projected on the opposite shore of the Hudson, and bridges are projected to span that beautiful river, whether too much delay on the part of the denizens of New-York City, in carrying out these projected depots for the coming trade from the Pacific, may not cause the erection of a receiving City of Depots on the shore of New-Jersey, from which all this coming freight may directly be exported; and freight from Europe to India be directly received from steamers into railroad cars, on its way to San Francisco.

We do not give place to this scheme of Mr. WADDELL at this moment for the purpose of indorsing it, or for the purpose of criticising it. We merely give it for the purpose of starting discussion upon the facilities imperatively required for the commerce of New-York, which is daily becoming more stupendous.

Target Companies.

The target companies are (metaphorically) making hay while the sun shines, or, in other words, improving every shining hour in this lowering month of November, before Winter sets in. They are busy at work popping all their remaining bullets into their devoted targets, and all their remaining bottles into their devoted stomachs, before snow shall put an end to their two-fold pastime.

Queer institutions are these target corps. They are certainly strong in numbers and superabundant in enthusiasm. During the past month they have paraded at the rate of two, or three, or half-a-dozen a day through our streets, preceded by sonorous bands, blowing from their strenuous brass the takingest airs from OFFENBACH, and followed by the stalwart negro in uniform, bringing up the rear with his ring-streaked board, borne aloft on a pole, and destined to be riddled like a sieve ere set of sun. It is always a fine show—the music is inspiring, the uniforms brilliant, each rifle is turned to a bouquet-holder, hiding under flowers its murderous mouth, and the flag is already crowned with garlands discounted from the anticipated triumphs of the day. Exactly whither they go in search of glory only they know—doubtless, however, to some secluded suburb or propinquous wood, where they may safely pepper away at their wooden disk, with aim more or less steady, in proportion to the libation of lager which each hero has poured out (or poured *in*) in propitiation of the presiding divinities of the day. For, in general, these target corps owe a double allegiance—they are devotees both of Mars and Bacchus, and right valiantly do they sacrifice at the shrines of both gods. *Utroque parati* is their motto; and when their cartridges have been expended, and their bullets have whizzed far and wide about the unremote targe, (some even touching it,) who so swift as they to turn from the cartridge-box to the lunch-box, to lay down the rifle and take up the pocket-pistol, to put off the lion and put on the lamb?

It is a pity that these target companies are never made to serve any good end—not even to accustom young men to the use of arms, and to some restraint of organic discipline. As it is their actual standard neither of drill nor of soldierly discipline is very high; nor, since they have no civic duties to perform, is "shoulder to shoulder courage" brought into exercise by them. The fruit of their unsanguinary and innocent attacks against targets is rarely seen in a truer eye, a firmer hand, a rifleman's pose of the body, an habituation to weapons; and all these are good things to encourage in our country.

In the main, too, these target corps are extra hilarious and boisterous, particularly when the honors of the day have not been fairly apportioned between Mars and Silenus; though of late they have been very decorous, and if any soldiers have returned on stretchers, with pistol-wounds, from the scene of conflict, or are overborne with the heat and burden of the day, we do not see them. Indeed, curiously enough, it is rare that we see (from whatever cause) a target company come *back;* though in the morning their departing music often delights us.

However, the true outlet for youthful martial instincts, just now, is in the volunteer militia. These irresponsible target-companies serve only to draw force away from the organized bodies of State troops; and hence they are of no use to the community, as well as of very little to their members.

Report of the Adjutant-General U. S. A.

During the recent political canvass the strength of the army was frequently a matter of discussion, and its enormous size was so much descanted upon by certain orators that it is really a relief to learn from the official report of the Adjutant-General that its entire strength at the close of last September was 43,081 enlisted men, all told, of whom something over 4,000 were on special service in the various staff departments. Although these figures may at first appear large, it will be found that the regular army is now but a trifle stronger than it was during the war, when, on account of the immense number of volunteers in the service, it was acknowledged to be but a skeleton of what the military force of the United States should be.

However, as orders have been issued stopping recruiting, the steady decrease which results from discharges and other casualties will, during the coming year, reduce the strength of the army several thousands, even without Congressional action. For the present at least, there seems to be abundant employment for as large, if not a larger, force than is now at the command of the Government. It is also worthy of note in this connection that of the two hundred and three commissioned officers of volunteers who were in service a year ago, only one now remains, Gen. HOWARD, the head of the Freedmen's Bureau.

In the closing portion of his report Adjt.-Gen. TOWNSEND, for the second time, calls attention to the necessity of a better system of reformatory punishments for the army. It will be remembered that not long since a prisoner, wearing a ball and chain, was drowned at Fort Hamilton while bathing, and that considerable comment was made at the time as to the propriety of subjecting an enlisted man to such a punishment. It is to avoid the necessity of sentencing a criminal to confinement at hard labor, with ball and chain attached to his leg, that it is proposed to establish three or four prisons, especially for military offenders. As matters now stand, the guard-house in the army is the common receptacle for those accused or convicted of serious or trivial offences, thus giving the worst characters in the service an opportunity of contaminating men who, of their own volition, would never come in contact with them. The present system is especially injurious to recruits, who, through ignorance or negligence of their duties, are often guilty of slight misdemeanors meriting confinement for short periods, but who finally, from association with the worthless soldiers who so frequently crowd a guard-house, become spoiled for the service or for any honest employment. A somewhat similar state of affairs exists in the navy, and it is therefore proposed that naval as well as military convicts shall be confined together.

Connected with this plan for military prisons, is another establishing companies of discipline, which has been successfully tried in the French and other European armies. It is proposed to transfer to these companies all incorrigible or worthless soldiers, giving them a dishonorable discharge at the expiration of their term of service, but in the meantime compelling them to do duty either in connection with the military prisons or at some of the most difficult or disagreeable stations of the army, such as the Dry Tortugas or the Rip Raps. Both of these plans have received the approval of Gen. GRANT, and it is the general opinion of army officers that their adoption would materially reduce the number of desertions, as well as improve the efficiency of the service generally. It is proposed to locate one of these prisons in New-York Harbor, one on Ship Island, one on the Pacific Coast, and possibly a fourth at some central point on the Mississippi River.

The adoption of the proposed plans, by ridding the army of its vicious and insubordinate men, will diminish the need of courts-martial, which are now such a prolific source of expense, and will also prevent the discharge of many desperate men in unsettled parts of the country where they naturally become outlaws and pests. These military prisons promise so much good for the service that it is desirable that Congress should take early action upon the suggestion made by the Adjutant-General.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The *Albion* points out an error often made by American newspapers in speaking of the great English reformer and orator as the "Hon. Mr. BRIGHT." It would be just as proper to term him "Lord BRIGHT." Sons of peers of a certain rank have this prefix to their names. A seat in the House of Commons does not confer the privilege or distinction, if so it be regarded, although it is the invariable custom, on the floor of the House, to speak of "the honorable member" for such or such a place, in lieu of naming him. If Mr. BRIGHT should, being a Cabinet Minister, or otherwise, be made a Privy Councilor, he would then be called—not "the Hon."—but "the Right Hon. JOHN BRIGHT." Until that happy period, he is addressed by letter, "JOHN BRIGHT, Esq., M. P.," and is spoken of as "Mr. BRIGHT."

At the late Women's Suffrage Convention in Boston, the plan of teaching boys and girls together was discussed, Rev. Mr. CLARKE, Dr. CORNELL and others advocating it against those who objected that the young people would fall in love with one another. This is probably a mistaken idea. That foolish falling in love—calf love—comes mainly from the gross Turkish way of keeping the sexes apart, and giving girls the attraction of what is forbidden. Let boys and girls come together frankly in the classes, and they will know one another too well for any romantic notions. Nothing gives a young fellow a safer idea of a young lady than to see her at every-day work and exercising her brains. Lads will never be spoony about girls who make mistakes and sulk over the Multiplication Table—say five times six is seventy-one, and the river Ganges is in the southeastern part of the Isthmus of Panama. With this unaffected, common-place mixing of the sexes in class we should have less romance and less folly among the young people.

It is singular, how simple and matter-of-course a thing seems when once it has been made practical. The old and present style of horse-nozzle or butt, used on our fire engines, sends a round heavy stream in solid force against some one particular spot of house or fire. A new nozzle has been lately patented, differing only in having the opening flat and circular—a slit across the end of a rounded butt, something like the mouth of a butterfly gas-burner. This spreads the water into a sheet, and will be of great service in applying it to broader surfaces than the round, cylindrical jet can reach. It is a capitalidea, and we wonder was never thought of before.

In direct relation to the subject of international copyright (which has spasmodic agitations and periodical lapses into nonentity, but which we hope may one day get the earnest attention it merits,) is that of international legal protection for trade-marks. This is a topic officially suggested for consideration by the Congress of German merchants, soon to be held at Berlin. The subject has attracted much thought in Europe, where trade-marks have been and are constantly pirated between nation and nation, to the demoralization of all honorable and honest feeling in trade. The Prussian Government has already been petitioned on the subject by the Chamber of Commerce at Dusseldorf-on-the-Rhine, but to no avail. The matter has not been allowed to rest, however, but has been persistently pushed and extended in discussion, and now it will be made a point in this new Convention to try and induce the Government to commence general diplomatic negotiations on the subject. We hope any advances will be frankly and cordially met by America.

The man who by an accident had a gunshot wound so healed as to leave an opening into his abdomen, through which the operations of stomach and viscera could be observed, was justly regarded by the "medical faculty" (whoever they may be!) as a valuable help in the study of physiology. But if the English Dr. RICHARDSON succeeds in his new lamp, constructed to throw light through human tissues and make visible the interior, he will have conferred a still greater, because more generally attainable and useful, boon upon science. FARRELEY's work on "Electricity" noticed the fact that the animal tissue (of the finger) seemed luminous when electricity was passed through it. From this hint, and other similar phenomena of the tissues when under the influence of bodies of the ethyl and methyl series, Dr. RICHARDSON has produced a light which penetrates the delicate tissues of childhood. We hope the rest may follow.

DE QUINCEY has made immortal the ghastly satire of "Murder as a Fine Art;" but an Italian professor (CASTURANI, of Turin) has published his observations on killing, as a science, which may at least obviate any more such brutalities among scientific men as occurred in the Parkman-Webster murder so many years ago. He has found a mode of killing animals (human or otherwise) by forcing air into their eyes; death ensuing within a few seconds, and, it is thought, painlessly. This nice little operation leaves no trace. It is to be hoped the apparatus of application is not portable and easy of use!

The clever PARTON has given the public many admirable suggestions about smoking and drinking—so that if people will indulge they may at least know what they are doing. We propose now that he turn his peculiar talent for collating facts and "putting them" in a racy and pointed way, to the task of telling Americans what and how they shall *eat*. This is a subject that interests a great many more people than the tobacco of the old smoker, or the wine of the coming man. If there is a country where, with every earthly facility for wholesome, nutritious, delightful food, people put into their stomachs wretched, indigestible, distasteful stuff, that country is our beloved United States of America. Hot bread, badly-cooked meats and vegetables, fiery and inflammable sauces, tough pastry—the list is too long for present enumeration, but we hope to see it vigorously and popularly attacked by somebody who *will* be read.

We understand that the *Albion*, well known as the organ of English opinion and sentiment in this City, has again changed hands. Messrs. MORRELL & SHEPHERD, who have been its proprietors for the last few years, have disposed of the establishment to Mr. E. CORNWALLIS, who has been for a long time connected, in various capacities, with the newspaper Press of the City. The literary merits of

distressing consequences of a strike in this instance are entirely blamable upon the workmen. The manufacturers have proposed committees of conference to adjust the matters at issue, but the employes obstinately refuse this eminently fair method of dealing, and compel the alternative which the employers have adopted.

Donations for Thanksgiving dinners are pouring in upon the different missions and charities of the City. Hearts of little ones will be made glad, the aged will be comforted, and the destitute will feel that some still exist who care for them. Let not the New-York State Soldiers' Home be forgotten. Over 300 maimed and crippled veterans are there, the days of many of whom are short. Every scar and stump of those war-worn men is a badge of honor and patent of nobility. They ought constantly be made to feel that their countrymen heed their necessities, and that in festival times they shall come in for a share of good cheer.

The Brewers' Association, of this City, is composed mainly of Germans, who protect themselves from losses in business by means of a black-book, in which are placed the names of delinquent customers. The method is as follows: A month's credit is given to every retail dealer in lager-beer. If, at the end of that period, for any cause, he fails to meet his indebtedness, three days' grace are given, and if he then fails to settle, his supply is stopped, and each member of the Association is notified of the occurrence. The retailer thus finds every avenue to credit closed, and he must shut up his shop. The practical operation of this plan is perfect protection to the brewers.

The zeal of service in a good cause is felt by hundreds of ladies in this City who are at a loss to find a channel in which to work satisfactorily. To any such we point out a fine field of usefulness. Their spare hours cannot be more advantageously employed than by visiting the industrial schools and devoting a short time daily to the work of teaching the girls plain sewing. From many of these schools just now there is a loud call for help of this kind.

Will Mr. WHITING kindly take into consideration the annoyance to which pedestrians are daily subjected by the passage of ash-carts and the emptying of ash-barrels in the middle of the day instead of in the early morning. The present time is one of new hats and new overcoats, and consideration should be shown for the fact. To say nothing of the damage to visual organs which is often suffered, half an hour's walk about the streets down town renders a person amenable to the charge of being gray. To whiskers and crimps of forty such a suggestion is very painful.

That "mill of the gods" which people speak of—assuming that it is the main business of the gods to grind and triturate—is grinding surely, if it grinds rather slowly, in respect of the owners of tenement-houses in New-York, who are now standing aghast at the idea that they cannot do what they like with their own, like the Irish landlords. They stand off, however, and make resistance, where they can, with the obstinacy of the sometime pig-proprietors, who fought so resolutely a few years ago for their styes and stenches in the up-town settlements. It will yet come into the minds of all our housebuilders that they must really make ventilation holes in dwellings, and, furthermore, see that there shall be sewers which shall not turn out to be *cul-de-sacs*. The *cloacæ* should not be allowed to poison the people. They will, of course, go on poisoning the rivers in the customary way. But that may be changed, too, in time.

We notice that Mr. MACGREGOR, Superintendent of Buildings, is unusually vigilant in the performance of his duties. He has lately made a personal visit to the leading theatres, and places of amusement in the City, paying his own way, as the report has it, in order to examine their condition with reference to the means of escape in case of fire. He announces his intention hereafter to strictly enforce the law regulating these places, and, among other things, will forbid the use of camp-stools, chairs, &c., in the aisles and passages. So far so good. Now let Mr. MACGREGOR look after those rookeries called tenement-houses, in which thousands upon thousands of our poorer class of citizens are nightly crammed, with no legal or adequate means of escape in case of fire. Let the law be enforced against the landlords of those dens as well as the theatres.

Lawyers who are in the habit of attending to their professional duties as they should do, and clients who have been made to suffer from the negligence of their counsel, will be glad to learn that the Supreme Court General Term, in this City, have resolved to remedy the long-standing abuses that have been perpetrated under the name of the "law's delay." The Judges of this Court have decided to continue in session until the overburdened calendar is cleared, and all the flimsy excuses that have heretofore enabled lawyers to stave off their cases are to be ignored, and every counsel will be obliged to proceed with his case when called.

The Board of Health continue their raid on the tenement-houses, and are doing much to purify and render habitable those pestiferous dens. There were over two hundred complaints on the docket of the Sixth District Court, yesterday, awaiting to be heard—about forty of which were disposed of. The law is very rigid against the proprietors and occupants of tenement-houses, and gives the Board of Health ample powers over their sanitary condition. All that is needed is a universal and prompt enforcement of the law, such as is now being made by the Board of Health, to save thousands of lives during the coming Winter.

It is reported that a well-known literary character will at an early day write and print a contemporary biographical sketch of "The Wickedest Judge in New-York." Wonder what name he will give to the judicial individual?

In a late lecture at the American Institute, Dr. EDWARDS argued that electricity is the cause of earthquakes. Prof. VANDERWEYDE, on the same occasion, was of the opinion that steam is the most probable cause. No doubt the principle of electricity enters largely into all telluric action; but it is impossible to overlook the suggestive fact, first noticed by BERKELEY, Bishop of Cloyne, that all volcanoes are in the vicinity of the sea. From this, and from our knowledge of the volcanic effects visible in the isles and waters of the Pacific and the Mediterranean, it would be only rational to think that the percolations of water in the crust of the earth have a great deal to do with those disturbances which show themselves in volcanoes, earthquakes and vast rollings of the sea surface.

Of all the topics of the town that unceasingly thrust themselves upon the observation, that of the social evil is the most prominent. The depraved outcasts nightly parade the public streets, and infest the public resorts, flaunting the silken colors of their degradation, and seeking to lure our young men to the palatial houses of vice. No remedy that strikes at the root has been proposed for this criminal nuisance. "Midnight Missions" are good things as far as they go; but they do not begin to cover the ground. What is needed is a legal enactment forbidding, under stringent penalties, the opening of places of rendezvous for this class of offenders, and the establishment of a self-sustaining reformatory institution on one of the islands, where the unfortunates may be taught some useful employment, and acquire habits of industry in legitimate pursuits, and the wilfully persistent in their fallen career may, at least, be prevented from contaminating others. Above and beyond all this is needed a law, and a literal execution of it, compelling the libertine to make reparation to his victim, and a larger charity for these among those who have not been tempted as they have been.

It is disgraceful that our City is so badly provided with public markets, that our people are compelled to depend upon private enterprise for the ordinary facilities in obtaining provisions. But since these things are so, it is matter for congratulation to the residents of the upper part of the City that the new Central Market, erected by individuals for their own profit as well as the convenience of the public, is open to them. We have published a full description of it, from which it appears that it is very complete in all its appointments. Let us have more like it, substantially built, so as to stand us in stead until this City is properly governed and provided for,—that is, for a century or two to come.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

NIBLO'S GARDEN—"AFTER DARK."

"After Dark," produced at Niblo's Garden, on Monday, as heretofore noticed, has been acted every evening since to crowded houses. As a clever mosaic of familiar dramatic materials, and as a vehicle for the production of some remarkably realistic views of London localities, and the introduction of some new *artistes* to our stage, the play deserves the attention it is receiving. Miss LOUISA MOORE, an actress from the English theatres, made her *début* in the character of *Eliza*, the "heroine of the drama." Miss MOORE is a blonde, of medium height and slender figure; her face resembles at times that of Miss BATEMAN, and occasional tones and gestures used by her would convey the impression that she had, consciously or unconsciously, taken that actress as her model. But her delineations are softer and her moods considerably more melting than those of "the original *Lyah*." The language put in the mouth of *Eliza*, like that in most of Mr. BOUCICAULT'S plays, is exclamatory, and the sequence of paragraphs is often left to the actress to make logical by mute acting. In this Miss MOORE is quite successful. In every scene she has to represent a doleful wife; but she manages to avoid rant and to make her sobs seem really natural, though with less skillful management this continued lachrymal display would be tiresome. Miss EDITH CHALLIS, also from a London theatre, made her *début* also in "After Dark"—as *Rose Egerton*. This lady has a good appearance for the stage, and dresses with taste, but her acting is rather reserved and not particularly remarkable. The part of the conventional rascal *Beltingham* is personated by Mr. FITZGERALD, from the Australian theatres; it is an easy performance, without any strain or effort, conclusively proving that Mr. FITZGERALD studies and prepares beforehand, as all good artists should. The character of a cool and self-possessed gentleman, fell by lot—as might be expected—to Mr. OWEN MARLOWE; since this actor's success with the swell officer in "Caste" he seems to have monopolized those special parts; Mr. MARLOWE, however, displays less variety in his delineations of these peculiar members of society than is desirable. There are many phases of the *genus*, and Mr. MARLOWE should not confine himself to the illustration of one. Mr. F. C. BANGS, Mr. MCKEE RANKIN and Mr. C. PETERS have shares in the drama suitable to their different talents; Mr. PETERS, as a *Policeman*, gives almost as grotesque a performance as his *Binney*; Mr. BANGS, who is really a most careful actor of melodrama, judiciously softens the offensive features in the part of *Old Tom*, or *Capt. Dalton*—who is represented throughout besotted and helpless from drink.

The scenery of "After Dark" is most excellent in design and painting, and is most creditable to the taste of the artists and the liberality of the managers.

Various Dramatic Notes.

The theatres will duly celebrate "Thanksgiving" this year, as usual; indeed, from the amount of preparation now being made by the players, a stranger might reasonably suppose that the day was in reality a dramatic festival, and set apart annually by the President for his theatrical friends. *Matinées* will be given at nearly every place of amusement in the City on that day. Wallack's Theatre and the New-York Theatre, indeed, being the only houses which provide no mid-day performance.

There are to be three performances given at Wood's Museum on the Thanksgiving jubilee. In the morning the vaudeville company are to give an entertainment, assisted by the Lilliputian party now engaged at this place. Commodore Foote and his sister, the phenomena of this troupe, are much smaller creatures than either Nutt or Minnie Warren, and are now no doubt the tiniest matured men and women in the world. In the afternoon and evening "Ixion" is to be performed at Wood's.

There are to be *matinées* on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday—of "Humpty Dumpty," at the Olympic Theatre.

At the New-York Circus *matinées* will be given on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday of next week—with "Cinderella" as a *finale* to each.

The last nights of "Under the Gaslight" are announced for next week, at the New-York Theatre. Mr. J. K. MORTIMER, the clever comedian and widely-known favorite, is to have his benefit on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS has given three representations on the Boston stage of *Rosalind, Juliet* and *Lady Teazle*—and from the accounts of the Boston Press the excitement she has created as an actress has had no like since FANNY KEMBLE'S *début*. The *Rosalind* of this lady seems particularly to have been admired, and of that performance the *Post* pithily says:

"Mrs. SIDDONS' *Rosalind* was rosy and picturesque. Between look, speech and action, it was exquisite."

These performances, we understand, were undertaken at the express invitation of some leading members of society at the Hub, and the greatful ones, on Thursday evening last, presented Mrs. SIDDONS, at the St. James' Hotel, with an elegant silver tea service; in response to which Mrs. SIDDONS made her first public speech:

"It is quite impossible for me to justly express my feelings upon this occasion, and I must seek other means than those of words to evince them. This beautiful gift, and above all, this most delicate and pleasing token of approval, will be to be an incentive to accomplish new triumphs in the hearts of a generous American public."

Mrs. SIDDONS next week appears in Providence, and she is announced at the New-York Theatre for the week following.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON is to appear in Cleveland tomorrow. LAURA KEENE is also underlined to appear in that city at the same time. Last week JEFFERSON cleared over $2,000 by six performances in Buffalo.

BROUGHAM says that although his new theatre is not ready for the public *yet*—it will be "worth waiting for!"

Mdlle. JANAUSCHEK is to have a grand reception from the German musical societies and private citizens of Chicago on the 28th of November.

Movements of Players.

EDWIN ADAMS was last night acting in Providence. E. L. DAVENPORT is in New-York unengaged. Mrs. F. B. CONWAY is to play *Romeo* to Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS' *Juliet* next Saturday at the Boston Theatre. W. DAVIDGE is engaged for the Montreal Theatre. MAGGIE MITCHELL goes to Richmond Nov. 30. "The Field of the Cloth of Gold" is to be the Christmas piece of the WORRELL SISTERS' Theatre, FORREST goes to Troy the first week in December. It has been privately reported that the purpose of Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS' performances in this country is to obtain funds sufficient to liberate her husband, who is a prisoner in Ireland for taking a leading part in the last Fenian rebellion. BYRON'S new drama, "Blow for Blow," is to be brought out in Philadelphia to-morrow; so is DALY'S "Flash of Lightning." MARETZEK gives Italian opera in Philadelphia on the 30th. MATILDA HERON is to appear as *Camille* in New-York on the 25th. JOHN OWENS has appeared as "The Party by the Name of Johnson," in Cincinnati. "Under the Gaslight" is drawing crowded houses at the Varieties Theatre, New-Orleans. Mrs. GLADSTANE is playing in Cincinnati. Miss KELLOGG is to give three concerts in Philadelphia next week. J. G. BURNETT is engaged at the Crosby Opera House. The Bichings Opera Troupe are not doing "as well as could be expected" in Chicago. "Leah, the Forsaken"—rather late in the day—is the present sensation at the Savannah theatre. ZOLKE, the dancer, is in New-Orleans, at the Academy of Music. Mrs. LANDER is to appear in Boston on the 23d.

LEOTARD, disgusted with his failure in this country, and the intelligence of the Yankees—sailed for Europe last week.

Mrs. KEMBLE has a good regulation to make her auditors come promptly. Upon the tickets for reserved seats she has a printed notice that the seats are forfeited unless the owners come before the readings commence. It seems to work well.

The Tom Thumb Combination, consisting of Tom Thumb, Minne Warren and Commodore Nutt, commence a one week's stay in this City, at Cooper Institute, on Nov. 23.

Mrs. METHUA SCHELLER has returned to Salt Lake City, from Montana, and reports from her note the advance of "art" and the prosperity of the drama.

The Drama Abroad.

Mrs. GOMERSAL, once in this country, is quite sick in England.

Considerable dissatisfaction still prevails in England about the manner in which Artemus Ward's will has been administered. Commenting on the statement of the Baltimore *Commercial* that his will was the last joke poor Artemus uttered, an English journal affirms that it was not at all a joke, that Ward had made largely by his lectures and writings in England; that he had lived frugally, and that there is no reason for believing that after his funeral expenses were paid there were no assets left to his estate. It calls for an explanation of the whole matter from his executors, and there are many on this side of the Atlantic who are interested in having this explanation as full and satisfactory as possible.

The Spanish decree which proclaims the liberty of the Press, also abolishes the censorship upon dramatic works, and makes the directors or managers responsible for any offence which may be offered to morality or good manners in the pieces which may be produced at their theatres.

Mme. RISTORI is expected at the Niccolini Theatre, at Florence, where she is to perform in a new drama written expressly for her, and entitled "Marie Antoinette," and being as it were a companion piece to "Marie Stuart."

M. OFFENBACH, undaunted by two previous failures, and not choosing to "beware of the third time," has written another work for the Opera Comique.

This is how the French journals have been spelling "Oliver Twist," in reference to a play founded upon that romance: *Oliver Kvist*.

CUBA.

The Situation—Tone of the Havana Press—Anti-Royal Poetry—Insurrectionary News.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Nov. 14, 1868.

The foreigners who arrive here are wondering whether they have in reality reached the Island of Cuba, where a large force is attempting to assert its sovereignty and throw off the yoke of Spain, or whether the accounts of this revolution are the mere inventions of some unemployed newspaper correspondent, or copied from some ancient chronicle with a change of names. Nobody would suppose that within three days' journey from Havana the destiny of an entire country and a people is now undergoing its trial, and that an army of royal troops is attempting to coerce and defeat another army of revolutionary citizens. Such is the aspect of Havana; quiet and peaceable, without any exterior indication of the disturbance raging within, without showing any sign that an entire race is expecting a radical change of their political life, from that of Spanish subjects, or, as they soon will be, Spanish citizens to that of Cubans, dropping the honor of forming a part of the Spanish crown.

The Havana Press.

The Havana Press treats the whole matter very coolly. The *Diario* is, as usual, following up its old policy of covering up everything which might bring it in bad repute with the hindmost Government employe, smoothing over all the mismanagements, and never disclosing the wrong acts of any Government official, or the Government itself; puts on a great many airs of superiority and activity against its Havana opponents, because it publishes some official account a few hours earlier, and accompanies the item with a fulsome puff, laudatory of the order or the party who issued it. The *Prensa*, with a great deal of ultra Spanioism and much common sense, devoted to the interests of the ultra monarchists, and, as is publicly stated and not refuted, the recognized organ of the Jesuits, treats the revolutionary and other questions of the day with a certain independence, which may be called wonderful in a paper of its tendency. Its chief editor is very independent, and fights the battles against the *Pais* and other republican journals, which the *Diario* has neither the pluck or ability to do, and if the censor would only permit, there is not the least doubt but that the *Prensa* and the *Pais* would contain articles which might prove very advantageous, if the chiefs of both parties could read them. *El Pais*, the organ of the liberal Cubans, says very little, for a simple reason. It is not permitted to say much, and consequently cannot give any scope to its corps of writers. Whenever the "liberty" of the Press is introduced here, the *Pais* will be the leading journal of the island, with, perhaps, the *Prensa* as its only antagonist. The *Diario* will sit in the corner, and, old-woman-like, bewail the sins of the rising generation, without giving either advice or aid to carry out any reform, but conform to its old doctrine of covering up and not telling anything. It is understood that as soon as the laws regarding the liberty of the Press will be promulgated, a new journal, to be published in Spanish and English, is to be established, independent in its political views, and modeled after the New-York journals.

Isabella Calumniated.

Since the poor old lady was kicked out of Spain for her many sins of omission and commission, but principally on account of the low company she kept, the Spanish journals have been filled with thousands of interesting little pieces regarding her acts and those of her friends. The *Pais* also published a little sonnet, not in honor of the Ex-Queen, which escaped the eyes of the censor, or which he allowed purposely to pass. The whole matter would have caused little attention, had not the *Diario* and *Prensa* published a leader on the following day, stating that the Captain-General had seen the publication of the sonnet in question with disgust, and that it had only appeared by accident. As usual, nearly all these articles are written by persons who formerly received a great many benefits from the Ex-Queen or the party in power, and who now, courtier-like, cringe to the new rulers, to pick up the crumbs and obtain some remunerative office. The sonnet in question, however, was written by a Cuban, who is entirely free from the imputation of trying to obtain an office under Spanish rule. The office of *El Pais* was besieged for copies of the paper, it being the first time in the history of Cuba that any journal has published an article against any Spaniard holding a high official position or who ever held any.

The Insurrection

does not appear to diminish or increase. Authentic accounts of the movements of either party are wanting, especially as the troops will not undertake any attack until the result of the proclamations issued by Gen. VALMASEDA at Mazanillo is known, and which are presumed to produce a very favorable result, even to finishing the revolution, which I doubt very much, however. The following are translations of VALMASEDA'S proclamations:

LOYAL CITIZENS: The ambition of a few, unadicted to study or industry, united with those whose crimes have made them notorious, have been artful enough to induce the peaceful inhabitants of your section to take up arms against the Government.

Your Captain-General, ever watchful of the interests of the well-disposed, increases his efforts for the punishment of the culpable. Have confidence in him, remain firmly in your homes, and remember that the faithful always triumph when inspired by love of industry, the endearments of home and family and the aggrandizement of their country.

Known generally throughout the island, my name is a guarantee to the good citizen, and may God grant that the obdurate, on hearing my appeal, will return to their firesides tranquil and contented, without having learned the cruelties incidental to a warfare between brothers.

Loyal inhabitants, remain firm in your post of honor; repose confidence in your Captain-General, and be assured that the General in charge of military operations will strictly comply with the duties imposed upon him.

THE COUNT OF VALMASEDA.

MAZANILLO, Nov. 9, 1868.

Gen. Bias de Villate, Count of Valmaseda, Chief of the Army of Operations, to the Insurrectionists of Bayamo, Mazanillo, Holguin, and Tunas:

CITIZENS: A few men, fired by ambitious projects, combined with their blind proselytes, have induced you to rise in arms against the Government of your country, to impoverish the soil of your nativity, and bring mourning and desolation to your families; the land tilled and cultivated by the sweat of your brow abandoned; your homes, formerly the abode of happiness and comfort, soon to be witness of war in all its horrors. A few days more of obstinacy, and this lamentable truth will cost the bitter tears of yourselves and your children. Abandon those who lead you to ruin. Do not recognise their power, for without you they are nothing, and return to your homes to enjoy peace of mind amid the pleasures of the family circle.

I concede to you all eight days in which to abandon your hostile attitude, and, if in that time my offer is not complied with, I will enforce obedience to the Government by force of arms, and teach what your duties are.

If Cuba is to-day the most beautiful and flourishing of all the Antilles, she owes it to the tranquillity she has enjoyed and to the solicitude of the Government who controlled her destinies for her welfare. If to-day you desire to see her barren and desolate, the fault will be your own.

Three times have I abandoned my native land to come among you, and in every jurisdiction where I have commanded I have left nothing but friends. Accept the invitation extended to you by the benevolent Governor and you will have no occasion to become acquainted with the General, inflexible in the execution of his duties.

Peace and prosperity ought to be the motto of this island, and the conservation of this is what is asked of you by the General.

COUNT OF VALMASEDA.

MAZANILLO, Nov. 9, 1868.

The Cubans deny that the republican army has committed the depredations and robberies with which it is charged by the Government journals. The parties who have been robbed and the information received by the Captain-General, state that such is the fact, and that numberless bands of bandits, under pretence of being revolutionists, are "playing Mexico" among the planters and farmers. The game of Mexico is very interesting and entertaining to those who play it, but not so much so to those it is played on; its rules and mode of playing is very simple and quietly learned in a Spanish-American country. Some determined but needy man unites himself with half a dozen or more friends of the same description, styles himself Captain, Colonel or General, and then the troupe pay a visit to the nearest rancho or farm, always, however, selecting those where there are few men and some chances of obtaining money. The leader of the party then demands as much money as he supposes the owner of the place has in his house or at his disposition, and in case it is not immediately given, very politely offers to destroy all the property and hang his refractory friend to the nearest tree as a matter of courtesy. The money, or at least a portion, is generally forthcoming, some scallawag on the place, who sees how easy money can be made, joins the party, and under the cry of "*Viva la Libertad* or *viva* something else, the bandits move on. This is the *modus operandi* of the game *la Mexico*, but it must not be supposed that the Cuba n revolutionists are of this calibre, many of them being men of wealth and position, if the reports are true, but whose uprising has afforded a pretext to the bandits to exercise their profession under the pretence of attempting to overthrow the Spanish rule.

The Ports of Entry

adapted to foreign or domestic traffic, and where no regular Custom-house exists, have been closed by order of the Captain-General, and vessels on their way thither are to be notified by the Spanish men-of-war not to enter, and to discharge their cargo at the nearest port they consider convenient. Another order, addressed to all captains and pursers of vessels, or conductors of trains, holds them liable to punishment as traitors if they should carry any arms or munitions of war without a permit of the authorities.

Attempted Revolution.

About twenty young men, some of them mere boys, started from Havana last week to raise a force in the Vuelta Abajo region against the Spaniards, but the attempt was nipped in the bud, all but two having been arrested by a Lieutenant of Police at the town of San Cristobal, and brought to this city. If the attempt had been successful, the attention of the Government would have been divided, and another force needed to send to the Vuelta Abajo, which is somewhat difficult at present, considering that nearly all the troops are in the Bayamo region, the volunteers doing nearly all the guard duty in the city. It would not be surprising to hear of some more attempts before this letter reaches New-York, as many Cubans are very much excited and ready for any enterprise.

Hunting Revolutionists.

LERSUNDI has hit on a novel, but, to all appearances, very practicable plan not only to raise an army but also to finish with the revolution and those taking part in it. An order, published in yesterday's *Gaceta*, offers:

"As a reward of unblemished loyalty, the State taxes for one year are renounced to every countryman or farmer who, with whatever class of arms he may possess, joins the columns or forces destined to persecute the insurrectionists in whatever county it may be."

The *Diario*, true to its fawning and cringing policy, and unable by long practice to call things by their right names, referring to this order, says: "Our highest authority knows very well that the honest inhabitants of our country parishes don't need the stimulus of a pecuniary nature to unite themselves with the public forces defending the interests of a society which is theirs; but our Government is decorous to recompense in some manner, in the name and with the funds of the State, the labor they lose, the fatigues they have to undergo and their tried loyalty. This is the signification of the timely proclamation of His Excellency, who may be very sure on his part that at his call these laboring men will gather together, who only desire tranquility, and who have repulsed and annihilated those who tried to deceive them." So far for the *Diario*, and now to the other or more probable result. These people will not flock together in such numbers as the *Diario* presumes, and from the simple reason they are not very anxious to play soldier, and the proclamations of the revolutionists offer far greater inducements in the mere word of liberty, which to these uneducated people means a perpetual, in-doors or out-doors freedom from taxes and the tyranny of the Spanish officials. QUASIMODO.

PERSONAL.

WENDELL PHILLIPS delivered his lecture on "Lost Arts" in Boston last night.

Chief-Justice CHASE goes to Richmond tomorrow to preside at the Fall term of the United States Circuit Court.

Rev. Dr. McCOSH, the newly appointed President of Princeton College, delivered a lecture on the "Association of Ideas" before a large and highly interested audience, in the Presbyterian Church, at Princeton, on Tuesday night.

The Vermont Legislature has passed resolutions of respect for the memory of THADDEUS STEVENS, one of the most illustrious sons of the State.

Prof. NEWTON, of Yale, says that a comet, which is traveling at the rate of 2,000,000 miles per day, has just whisked its tail in our faces and made us see stars.

PORTER C. BLISS, who was left in the hands of the tyrant LOPEZ by Minister WASHBURN, was at one time an agent of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

NEWELL A. FOSTER, proprietor of the Portland *Press*, died suddenly in Boston on the 20th inst. He was a member elect of the Maine Legislature, and an influential and respected citizen.

A new story, called "The Ferry-House Meeting," by Mr. FRANCIS S. SMITH, will be commenced in the *New-York Weekly* of this week. The advertisement may be seen in another column.

Mrs. SOUTHWORTH'S new novel, "Fair Play," is in press, and will be published in a few days by T. B. PETERSON & BROTHERS, Philadelphia.

Hon. C. S. Loeser, Saratoga Springs; Gen. Geo. S. Dodge, United States Consul to Bremen; C. E. and B. H. Falkenberg, Sweden; Hon. Chas. H. McNeil, Albany; Gen. W. H. Brown, United States Army; L. H. Hershfield, Montana; G. A. Belcher, Havana, are stopping at the Metropolitan Hotel.

List of Americans registered at the office of BOWLES BROTHERS & Co., No. 12 Rue de la Paix, Paris, for the week ending Nov. 5, 1868: *From New-York*—D. G. Ray and family, J. G. Marshall and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Shepherd, J. Mattison and family, O. E. Cromwell, H. H. Cohen, Miss Cohen, Miss V. Cohen, G. T. James, A. G. Torrey and wife, Mrs. D. Barnes, W. H. Beebe, S. A. Samanos, Mrs. E. A. Samanos, G. Collins, F. W. Worth, C. H. Marshall, Gen. and Mrs. C. W. Darling, Mrs. S. M. Mygatt and family, M. E. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, W. A. Ward, Miss J. W. Abom, H. S. Ward, Dr. J. B. Gould, F. G. Young, A. P. Chamberlaine. *Boston*—Mrs. M. Bartlett, A. Greenough, E. W. Whulock, F. H. Smith, G. B. Upton, Jr., and family, S. E. Sawyer, D. L. Ordway, Dr. A. J. Stone. *Brooklyn*—F. Arnold. *Manchester*—J. Cheney, W. Cheney. *Newport*—Miss B. Lockwood, H. B. Tompkins. *Detroit*—Mrs. M. G. Canfield, H. A. Wight and family, Miss S. Silley, Miss M. Adams. *San Francisco*—Geo. O'Doherty, P. Chrystal. *Constantinople*—J. W. Nye. *Glasgow*—E. Dougherty. *Philadelphia*—W. D. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wheeler, H. W. Davis, H. Huddy, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jenks, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jenks, A. Benson, Geo. W. Carhenter and family. *Cincinnati*—Mrs. N. Gaibreath, Mrs. Geo. Carlisle and daughters. *Washington*—Mrs. Prof. O. D. Barrett. *Virginia*—Mrs. W. M. Stewart. *Astabula*—Miss J. Wildmann. *New-Orleans*—Mrs. J. P. Haumer. *Buffalo*—Mr. and Mrs. J. Movius, E. H. Movius, Miss Movius. *Florence*—J. A. Jackson. *Albany*—Geo. Evans and wife. *Chicago*—Mrs. E. A. Whitney, Miss Whitney. *New-Bedford*—W. Botch.

City Journals and their Circulation.

The influence of a live, vigorous, wide-awake City journal is commensurate with its circulation. The number of people who vote in accordance with the views expressed by a particular paper indicates the number of men who read and are guided by that paper. It is conceded that the Democratic majority of 70,000 in this City is due chiefly to the efforts of *The World*. In this view a restatement of the recent vote in this City is interesting:

THE VOTE IN NEW-YORK IN 1868:

For Seymour	107,609
For Grant	47,778
Majority for Seymour	59,891

But HOFFMAN'S City majority was about 70,000, showing that there are about 6,000 Republicans in the City who take and read *The World* as well as some one of the seven Republican dailies, and who believe *The World* in preference to the paper of their own political faith. With a total of 158,447 voters in the City, the circulation of the papers, as evidenced by the influence these papers exert upon their readers, is exhibited in the following tables:

Vote for Seymour and Hoffman	117,609
Vote for Grant	47,778
Democratic Majority	69,891

This gives a clue to, or rather this manifests, the influence and the corresponding comparative circulation of the City journals, as follows:

City circulation of *The World*	117,609
City circulation of the seven Republican papers combined	47,778
The World over all others	69,891

The statements of newspapers in their own behalf may be exaggerated by the most honest, or may be wilfully distorted by the dishonest, but facts and figures like these, which are taken from official and public records, which are known to all men and denied by none, will serve our present purpose better than any assertion, however precise, which we might make from our books.

But we have lately shown from the statistics of a Republican Superintendent of Public Instruction, that school-houses are scarcest and education is at the lowest ebb precisely where Radical majorities predominate. With this authority, it is fair to presume that the 19,000 persons, as shown by the census, who cannot read in this City, nevertheless vote the Republican ticket. But as they cannot read, they must be deducted from the number of subscribers to the seven Republican journals, as follows:

Republicans in this City	47,778
Republicans who cannot read	19,000
Reading Republicans	28,778

—which makes the combined circulation of the seven dailies 28,778, which is probably divided among these journals in the following proportion:

City circulation of the	5,500
City circulation of the	13,334
City circulation of the	2,000
City circulation of the	4,500
City circulation of the	1,080
City circulation of the	1,464
City circulation of the	900
Combined circulation	28,778

The figures may differ in detail from the actual circulation of each of these papers; but there can be no error in the aggregate, which gives the number of people who can read and are politically influenced by these seven journals. Opposed to these 28,778 readers and voters are 117,609 Democratic voters, who not only read but are influenced by *The World*.

The constant contention about the circulation of City journals can be submitted to no surer arbitrament. Advertisers who wish to make their business known to the largest number of readers will find their account in committing these tables to memory.—*The World*.

BALDWIN, we had thought, could go no further in the way of putting down the prices of clothing, and increasing the variety thereof; but the dull trade in the wholesale way, and the approaching Holidays, seem to have stirred up things wonderfully at the corner, Broadway and Canal.

The entire stock, from three immense Lofts, keeps the *Steam Dummy* busy all day long letting it down to the *Retail Floor*, to be sold *direct to the Consumers at wholesale prices!* A rare chance for our friends; we advise them to take advantage of it.—*New-York Express.*

Metropolitan Hotel.
BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, NOV. 20, 1868.

Dr. H. T. Helmbold, to Simeon Leland & Co.:

Dr.

Nov. 11—To 10½ dozen Green Seal Champagne at $48 ..... $504 00
43 dozen assorted Champagne, 43 dozen Carte Noir Dry Sillery, 43 dozen Moet, Versury, &c., &c., &c., at $43 ..... 1,806 00
7½ dozen Lac D'or, $42 ..... 315 00
2½ dozen Carte D'or, $48 ..... 120 00
5 dozen Heidsieck, $42 ..... 210 00
16 dozen old Bourbon Whisky, $24 .. 384 00
Furnishing supper 4,750 00
Music furnished 100 00
Total $8,189 00

Received payment,
SIMEON LELAND & CO.

The above bill includes servants, broken glass, &c., &c.

Having made preparations for 5,000 persons, and upward of 20,000 having called during the evening, it taxed the resources of the Metropolitan. On the arrival of the guests, they being so numerous, it was impossible to discriminate. I assure my visitors and friends that all were welcome. I did the best I could under the circumstances, and sincerely trust none will complain.

H. T. HOLMBOLD, Druggist,
No. 594 Broadway, New-York.

—*Adv.*

Bouche, Fils & Co.'s Dry Verzenay.
Bouche, Fils & Co.'s Cabinet.
Bouche, Fils & Co.'s Carte Blanche.—*Advertisement.*

SCHEIDAM AROMATIC SCHNAPPS.—This medicinal beverage is manufactured by the proprietor at Scheidam, Holland, expressly for medical use, and is not only warranted free from all deleterious compounds, but of the best possible quality, and is the only alcoholic beverage that has the indorsement of the medical faculty. Put up in quart and pint bottles. For sale by all druggists and grocers.—*Advertisement.*

Dyspepsia Tablets
Cure indigestion, heartburn, sour stomach, and all weaknesses of the digestive organs. Sold by the druggists. Price fifty cents per box. S. G. WELLING.

Do you want a timekeeper? If so, ask your watchmaker for a Borel and Courvoisier Nickel Watch; Prize Medal awarded at London, Paris and Swiss Expositions, for best performance. QUINCHE & KRUGLER, Nos. 8 and 10 John-st. (up stairs,) only wholesale agents for the manufacturers.

A Most Suitable Thanksgivings Present to a smoker is undoubtedly a genuine Meerschaum, which POLLAK & SON sell at manufacturers' prices at their stores, No. 455 Broadway, near Broome-st., and No. 21 John-st., middle of block. Also repairing. Remember, no cigar nor corner stores.

Hair Dye. Hair Dye. Hair Dye. The genuine W. A. BATCHELOR'S Hair Dye is the best in the world—the only perfect dye—harmless, reliable, instantaneous, black or brown. Sold everywhere, and properly applied at BATCHELOR'S Wig Factory, 16 Bond, N.Y.

Trusses, &c.—MARSH & CO.'S Radical Cure Truss Office, only No. 2 Vesey-st. Also, supporters, bandages, elastic stockings, &c. A lady attendant.

MARRIED.

POWER—DE BERMINGHAM.—On Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Cathedral, by his Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop of New-York, JOHN H. POWER to HENRIETTA, daughter of the late Henry de Bermingham.

DIED.

GILLEE.—On Friday, Nov. 6, at Ponce, Puerto Rico, of yellow fever, SARAH L., wife of James Gilbee, Jr., and daughter of Dr. J. C. Beales, of this City.

GODFREY.—On Saturday evening, Nov. 21, at the residence of her mother, No. 137 East 59th-st., ELIZABETH K. GODFREY, daughter of Harriet E. and the late Edward Godfrey.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

HARRISON.—On Friday evening, Nov. 20, after a short illness, GEORGE B. HARTSON, aged 48 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Monday, the 23d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., at his late residence, No. 304 Lexington-av.

HODGES.—On Saturday, Nov. 21, JABEZ HODGES, aged 60 years.

His friends and acquaintances, and those of W. S. Pritchley, are respectfully requested to attend his funeral at the Church of the Transfiguration, 29th-st., between Madison and 5th-avs., this day, (Sunday,) the 22d inst., at 1¼ P. M. Remains to be interred at the Trinity Cemetery, Carmansville.

HONEYWELL.—After a short but painful illness, ELIZA A., widow of the late Robert M. Honeywell, aged 53 years.

Her friends, also those of her son, Charles R. Honeywell, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 217 East 45th-st., on Sunday, the 22d inst., at 2 P. M.

☞ St. Louis, Rochester and Cincinnati papers please copy.

HUNTSBOTT.—At Bremen, on Sunday, Nov. 8, C. HUNTSBOTT, late of the firm Frederick Victor & Achelis.

JEFFERSON.—On Saturday, Nov. 21, in the 44th year of his age, JOHN J. JEFFERSON, of the firm of Westerberg, Jefferson & Co., of this City.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, the 25th inst., from St. Timothy's P. E. Church, 57th-st., between 6th and 9th avs.

JOHNSON.—Near Sing Sing, on Saturday, Nov. 21, ANN MARIA JOHNSON, aged 53 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her brother-in-law, E. D. Truesdell, at 1¾ o'clock on Monday, the 23d inst. Carriages will be in attendance at Sing Sing to meet the 11¼ o'clock train from 30th-st.

ROGERS.—At Graniteville, Staten Island, on Thursday evening, Nov. 19, MARY JANE, daughter of Mary and the late Ogden M. Rogers, in the 24th year of her age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her mother, this day, (Sunday,) at 12

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Nov. 21, 1868.

$3,000 U. S. 6s, '81, Cp.	114¾	200	Adams Ex		67¾
1,500 U. S. 6s, 5-20 C., '65	107¾	100	do	s30	67¾
25,000 do	111	100	do	b30	67¾
125000 U. S. 6s, 5-20 C., '65	107¾	100	Merch. Un. Ex		19¾
20,850 U. S. 6s, 5-20 C., '65	107¾	100	do		19¾
27,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new	110¾	100	do		19¾
60,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	110¾	50	N. Y. Cen		125
25,000 U. S. 6s, 10-40, C.	103¾	400	do		124¾
4,000 N. Y. St. 6s, '72	101¾	300	Erie		42¾
23,000 N. Y. St. 6s, '72	101¾	200	Erie Pf		62
3d call	101¾	100	Reading		93¾
28,000 Tenn. St. 6s, new	69¾	200	Mich. So. & N. I.		87¾
40,000 do 3d call	69¾	150	Mich. Cen		115
9,000 Va. St. 6s, ex-c.	55	50	do bet. call		117¾
16,000 do	55¾	5	Panama		330
50,000 N. Car. 6s	55	40	Ill. Cen		142¾
2d call	55¾	400	Clev. & Pitts		86
28,000 N. Car. 6s, new	54	200	do	b30	87¾
25,000 Missouri 6s	89¾	110	C. C. Cin. & I		78¾
15,000 do	89¾	200	Clev. & Tol		102¾
5,000 do	89	400	do		101
2,000 C. & N. W. Con.		45	do		100¾
2,000 Con'ble Bds	93	300	Mil. & St. P		61¾
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 1st	90	200	do		61¾
3,000 Mor. & Es. 2d M	96¾	400	do		61¾
1,000 Mor. & Es. 1st	96¾	400	do		61¾
5,000 St. L. & P. 1st	69	200	do		61¾
3000 C. C. & I. O. 1st	74	200	Mil. & St. P. Pf		82¾
24,000 Long Dock Bds	97	200	do		83¾
50 Bank of Commerce	123¾	100	do		84
50 Ocean Bank	109	15	do		84¾
35 Am. Ex. Bk	113¾	400	P., Ft. W. & C		104¾
61 Del. & Hud. Can	130	17	do		105¾
400 Mariposa Pf	21	40	Chi. & Alton		142
250 Pac. Mail	115¾	60	do		143
200 do	115¾	400	Ohio & Miss		33¾
100 do 2d call	115¾	25	Han. & St. Jo. Pf		88
100 West. U. T	36¾	100	do	b30	88
100 U. S. Ex	46	100	T., W. & W., bet. call		57¾
100 do 3d call	b30	45¾			
900 Hudson River	125				

SECOND BOARD—12½ P. M.

$1,000 U. S. 6s, '81, R.	114¾	15,000 5-20 C., '64	107¾
25,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	114¾	17,000 do	107¾
33,000 5-20 C., '62	111¾	9,000 do	b30 107¾
48,000 do	111¾	1,000 5-20 C., '65, new	110¾
3,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20 C., '65	107	50,000 5-20, C., '65	110¾
25 do	107	30,000 do	s3 110¾
20,000 U. S. 6s, 10-40 R.	104	45,000 5-20 C., '64	108
28,450 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	103¾	100,000 do	107¾

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100 U. S. Ex. Co	46¾	200 Mich. So. & N. I.	87¾
200 Mer. U. Ex	19¾	800 do	87¾
200 Q. M. Co	34	200 do	c 87¾
200 Adams Ex	68	300 Cleve. & Pitts	86¾
300 Pacific Mail	115¾	200 do	86¾
40 West. U. T	36	800 Cleve. & Tol	100
100 do	36¾	400 do	100¾
200 N. Y. Cen	124¾	400 do	100¾
200 do	124¾	800 do	100¾
400 Erie	43	500 Chi., R. I. & P.	107¾
do	42¾	800 do	107¾
do	42¾	300 do	107¾
100 Hudson R.	124¾	200 do	c 107¾
300 Reading	93	800 Chi. & N. W.	89
500 Mil. & St. P.	61	800 Chi. & N. W. Pf.	84¾
200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	83¾	100 do	b10 87¾
800 Ohio & Miss.	33¾	100 do	87¾
1200 do	33¾	100 do	c 87¾
200 do	b10 33¾	400 do	87¾
200 do	b30 33¾		

SATURDAY, Nov. 21—P. M.

The sales of Gold were at 134¼@134⅜ ₱ cent., the market steady as to price, but dull or tame in the spirit of speculation in the Gold Room. The volume of transactions for several days past is below the average, of late. The Foreign Exchanges steady in the 60-days rate on London, 109¾@109½, and moderately firm for short sight at 110@110⅛ ₱ cent. The Treasury Gold receipts firm. Customs during the week amount to $1,841,000, and the payments on the November Gold Interest on the Public Debt, $1,-877,000. The Banks gain on their Gold averages $1,178,000, and in Greenbacks $12,133,000. These changes are the result of the process of unlocking Money in the shape of both Gold and Greenbacks, early in the week, by the party of Brokers connected with the Erie frauds. On th e genera line of Deposits the Bank Statement shows an increase of $8,958,000, and the Loans are increased since last Monday $2,971,000.

The rates for Money were 6@7 ₱ cent. per annum to the Brokers, and the supply on the market easy.

The Public Funds were firm in demand, and generally upward in prices. The long 6 ₱ cents. of 1881 advanced to 114¾@115 ; the old 5-20s of 1862, to 111¾ ; the new of 1867, to 110⅝@110¾@110⅞@110¾ ₱ cent.; the 5 ₱ cents 10-40s, to 105¾ ₱ cent. sales and the price bid for more. The other Gold-bearing Stocks were higher than on Friday, in proportion. The State Bonds were better by ¼@½ ₱ cent. on new Tennessees than on Friday. The other Bonds, with the exception of Missouris, were steady. Missouris sold down to 89 ₱ cent.

The Railway Share market was very much demoralized by the events of the last few days connected with the Erie frauds. There was a general indisposition to deal in Erie Stock, one way or the other, and a numerously-signed petition was sent up to both the Boards of the Stock Exchange to discontinue all dealings in the Stock, unless the Certificates and the extent of issue are registered at some respectable Trust Company or Banking House in the Street. The *cornering* experiment in the Stock came to an end on Wednesday night, since when the sales have rapidly settled down to 43¾@42@41¾ @40½@41 ₱ cent. The other New-York and Western Roads left off as follows, as compared with Friday night, after a somewhat sluggish business through the dealings of the day :

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	105¼	105¼
United States 5-20s of 1862	110¾	111¼
United States 5-20s of 1867	110¾	110¾
American Gold Coin	134¾	134¾
Bills on London, 60 days	109¼	109¼
New Bonds of Tennessee	68	68¼
Virginia Bonds, old	55	55¼
Missouri Bonds	89¾	89
North Carolina Bonds, old	65	65
New-York Central	125¾	125¾
Erie Railway	43¼	40¾
Reading Railway	99¼	98¼
Chicago and Rock Island	107¼	106¾
Northwest Common	84¾	84¾
Northwest Preferred	87	86¾
Michigan Southern	86¾	86¼
Pittsburg and Ft. Wayne	109	108¾
Cleveland and Pittsburg	86¼	86¼
Pacific Mail Company	115¾	114¾
St. Paul Preferred	83¼	83¼
St. Paul Common	63¼	63¾
Toledo and Wabash	57	57

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business :

6 ₱ cent. reg., 1881	114	5-20 reg., 1867	110¾
6 ₱ cent., coup., 1881	114¾	5-20 coup., 1867	110¾
5-20 reg., 1862	111¼	5-20 coup., 1868	110¾
5-20 5651 & 1,000, 1862	111¾	5 ₱ c., coup., 1874	105¾
5-20 500 & 1,000, 1864	107¾	10-40 reg	104
5-20 500 & 1,000, 1865	107¾	10-40 500 & 1,000	105¾
5-20 coup., 1865	107¾	6 Currency	96¾

And the following for the State Bonds :

Ohio 6 ₱ c., 1886	103	Michigan 6 ₱ c., 1873	100
Illinois C. bonds 1880	101¾	Tenn. 6 ₱ c., act c.	69¾
Ill. reg., 1880	101¾	Tennessee 6 ₱ c. n. bds	68¾
Illinois 6s, con, 7'sft, 93	101¾	Virginia 6s, ex c.	55
Illinois 6s, con, 7'sft, 93	101¾	Virginia 6s, n. bds	55¾
Illinois 6 s. c. 7's aft. 1879	101¾	Georgia 7's, new bonds	92
Ill. 6s, con. 7's aft. 1879	101¾	North Carolina 6s	65
Illinois coupon 6s, 1877	101¾	N. C. 6s, new bonds	64
Illinois coupon 6s, 1879	101¾	Missouri 6s	89¾
Illinois War Loan	101¾	Mo. 6s, R. R. & S. J. Ins.	89¾
Indiana 6 ₱ ct. W. L.	96	Connecticut 6s	95
Indiana 5 ₱ c.	90		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	137	Hanover	115
Merchants'	194	Metropolitan	141
Mechanics'	128	St. Nicholas	106
America	145	Marine	150
Phenix	108	Park	152
Mechanics' & Trad's.	120	Central National	110
National	110	Fourth National	104½
Commerce	125¾	Tenth National	100
Ocean	108	Oriental Bank	150
American Exchange	112	Gold Exchange	130

And the following for the Railway Mortgages :

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	88	Tol. & W. 2d Mort	82
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est	85	Tol. & W. Equip. bds	74
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub	85¾	Gal. & Chic. Ex	96
N. Y. Cen. 7s con. 1876-1.0	104	Gal. & Chic. 2d M	93
N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1883-'86-1920		Chi. & R. I. 1st M	98
Erie 1st M. ext	101¾	Chi. R. I. & Pac	94
Erie 7s, 2d ind., 1859	92	Morris & Essex 1st M	96
Erie 7s, 5th mtg., 1868	92	Morris & Essex 2d M	90
Buff., N. Y. & Erie 1st	101	Clev. & Tol. S. F.	96
Mad. & Ky. 1st M. & P.	103	Pitts. & Ft. W. & Chi. 1st M.	102

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Harlem 1st M. 90
Mich. S. & N. I. 7s, '72 111
Mich. Cen. m. 1st M. 8s, '82 113
Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf 81
Alton & T. H. 1st M. rec 90
Ohi. & N. W. 8. Fund.. 97
Con. 7 ₱ cent. con. 93
Con. 7 ₱ cent. Ex'n bds 85
Con. 7 ₱ cent 1st M. bds. 90
Han. and St. Jo. L. G. 109¾
Del. L. & W. 1st M. 96
Tol. & W. 1st M. Ext'd. 91
Chicago & P. 1st M. 75¾
Chic. & Alt. 1st M. 101¾
Chi. & Alton inc. 85¾
Ohio & Miss. 1st M. 96
Ohio & Miss. con'd. 95¾
Dub. & Sioux C. 1st M. 91
Peninsula R. R. bonds.. 94
Mil. & St. Paul 1st M. 8s. 101
Mil. & St. P. 1st M. 7 3-10 98
Mil. & St. Paul 1st M. 93
Joliet & Chi. 1st M. 101
Chic. & G. East'n 1st M. 73¾

The gross earnings of the under-specified railroads for the month of October, in 1867 and 1868, and for the first ten months of each year, are exhibited in the subjoined statement, copied from the *Financial Chronicle* :

Railroads.	Oct. 1867.	Oct. 1868.	Ten Months. 1867.	Ten Months. 1868.
Atlantic & G. W.	$477,828	$455,698	$4,294,568	$3,940,735
Chicago & Alton	426,756	480,912	3,926,589	3,746,899
Chicago & N. W.	1,841,056	1,574,909	9,582,194	11,292,308
Chi., R. I. & Pac.	555,230	539,900	3,338,163	3,805,291
Illinois Central	823,871	913,631	5,818,822	6,047,733
Marietta & Cin.	142,823	125,065	1,002,943	1,033,688
Michigan Central	805,295	511,820	3,607,776	3,768,147
Mich. S. & N. I.	699,456	522,661	3,819,948	4,139,140
Mil. & St. Paul	1,101,773	1,057,634	4,560,783	5,515,790
Onio and Miss.	379,387	283,329	2,851,200	2,455,562
P., Ft. W. & Chi.	794,801	842,114	5,977,802	6,686,464
St. L., A. & T. H.	220,341	216,473	1,815,336	1,820,891
Tol., Wab. & W.	468,766	450,766	3,124,113	3,369,022
Western Union	119,667	97,599	640,847	662,351
Total	$8,638,744	$8,044,196	$53,637,060	$57,923,259

The earnings of the Evansville and Crawfordsville Railroad for the years ending Aug. 31, 1866, 1867 and 1868, as reported by the *American Railroad Journal*, were as follows :

	1866.	1867.	1868.
Passenger	$218,695 33	$190,675 23	$193,981 28
Freight	222,102 72	269,947 54	230,481 70
Express	13,493 70	15,562 30	19,011 36
Mail	9,400 00	9,400 00	9,400 00
Rents	270 00	307 25	312 00
Total	$462,961 75	$507,792 32	$453,186 34
Expenses, viz.:			
Running road	$87,958 65	$85,541 18	$74,087 34
Maintenance of way	79,908 35	83,655 04	86,438 77
Maintenance of bridges, &c.	54,825 12	40,216 59	34,591 47
Repairs of engines and cars	50,617 12	61,433 57	70,053 17
General expense	72,069 56	73,537 12	70,095 50
Total	$345,378 80	$344,444 40	$335,266 25
Net earnings	$117,582 95	$163,347 92	$117,920 09
Int. and taxes	116,940 81	108,356 34	108,946 28
Balance	$642 14	$54,891 58	$8,973 81

The earnings, expenses, &c., of this road for the past ten years have been as follows:

	Total earnings.	Operating expenses.	Net earnings.
1858-'59	$171,048 90	$97,797 37	$73,251 53
1859-'60	206,944 27	102,970 89	103,973 38
1860-'61	222,352 13	113,362 90	108,989 23
1861-'62	244,540 43	106,954 50	137,585 93
1862-'63	334,058 10	164,196 39	169,861 71
1863-'64	451,223 26	318,339 13	232,884 13
1864-'65	559,127 68	312,407 28	246,720 40
1865-'66	462,971 75	345,378 80	117,582 95
1866-'67	507,792 32	344,444 40	163,347 92
1867-'68	453,186 34	335,266 25	117,920 09

The receipts from all sources during the year, including $32,427 97 from the previous year, were $486,768 18; and the expenditures, $510,393 57, showing an excess of expenditures of $23,625 39. The expenditures embrace—

Transportation expenses, as above	$336,266 25
Interest paid	96,083 90
Internal revenue taxes	6,108 98
State, county and municipal taxes	7,754 10
Construction	46,028 71
Equipment—new freight cars	14,056 82
Increase in supplies on hand	6,095 51
Total	$510,393 57

The liabilities and assets of the Company at the close of the year were as follows:

Liabilities:		
Due other lines		$26,996 46
Other liabilities		31,368 84
		$52,365 30
Assets:		
Cash on hand	$11 254 99	
Due from agents	14,405 42	
Open accounts	3,079 50—	28 739 91
Excess of liabilities		$23,625 39

There has been expended for construction and equipment during the year, the sum of $60,085 53, making the total cost of the Company's property, to date, as follows:

Construction of road	$2,402,733 55
Equipment	358,321 23
Total	$2,761,054 78

Which is represented by:

Common stock	$1,044,010 47
Preferred stock	100,000 00
First mortgage bonds, main line	1,090,000 00
First mortgage bonds, Rockville extension	150,000 00
Earnings expended	377,044 31
Total	$2,761,054 78

The Company's property may be described as follows :

	Miles.
Main line of road, Evansville to Terre Haute	109
Rockville extension	23
Total length of main track	132
Length of sidings	10
Total length of rail	143

The rolling stock of the Company consists of: 15 locomotives, 11 passenger, 1 paymasters', 4 baggage, mail and express, 3 caboose, 81 local freight box, 37 compromise box, 28 platform, 31 coal, 10 stock, 10 construction, 27 hand, and 17 push cars.

The miles run by all trains for three years, having been for the year just ended, 261,697; for the previous year, 272,310, and for the year ending Aug. 31, 1866, 254,192.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, AUG. 31, 1868.

Construction of road		$2,402,733 55
Equipment		358,321 23
Real estate not necessary for use		7,957 00
District Fair Ground Stock		1,000 00
Fuel on hand		16,025 17
Materials in shops		21,351 51
Cash	$11,254 99	
Due from agents	14,405 42	
Open accounts	3,079 50—	$29,739 91
Total		$2,836,129 07
Capital stock paid in		$997,851 13
Fractional stock		8,998 25
Stock dividend 1856, unclaimed		37,171 09
Preferred stock		100,000 00
Seven ₱ cent. bonds, main line		1,090,000 00
Seven ₱ cent. bonds, Rockville Division		150,000 00
Due other lines		20,996 46
Other liabilities		31,368 84
Income account:		
Earnings expended for construction	$377,044 31	
Balance of account	22,708 99—	399,753 30
Total		$2,836,129 07

President and Superintendent—Jno. Ingle, Jr.
Directors—Jno. Ingle, Jr., Samuel Orr, J. S. Hopkins, W. Baxer, L. S. French, J. W. Maddox, J. Alsop, H. K. Wilson, C. Rose, J. H. Turner, W. B. McKeen, G. K. Steele, J. J. Daniels.
Secretary and Treasurer—J. E. Martin.
Assistant Superintendent—L. Pearson.

The aggregate amount of Imports (other than Dry Goods and Specie) at the port of New-York from foreign ports for the week ending Nov. 20, 1868, was $2,697,663.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Nov. 9, says :

"The weather of the past week, though with a change to frost, has been favorable to every description of field work, but the growth of esculents has received a check. There is, however, a good bite of grass for cattle, and the late rains have been pretty well absorbed. All the young Wheat that appears above ground has a healthy aspect, but it is much too early to place any reliance on future prospects. The sound, heavy character of the seed, and the almost perfect tillage which preceded its planting, nevertheless, give it every chance of success. These favorable signs, and the hitherto open character of the weather, have contributed further to depress prices; but the Mark Lane example of Monday has only been partially followed, and we cannot say that, on the average, we have 8s. lower; and even London at the close of the week gave more strength to the opinion that we have about reached our lowest. With Spring corn at such prices, there need be no reserve in the use of Wheat for stock feeding; and should this come to be general, our well-housed surplus would be very quickly reduced. The financial state of Spain will make exporters very careful in their transactions with that country, but the better prices paid there cannot fail to produce gradually increasing supplies. Already the Government, in some places, has made a free distribution of corn to the poor; and at all hazards, and any price, the population must be sufficiently fed to prevent any reactionary movement. France, whose markets were declining at the commencement of the week, shows more of an upward tendency in Flour in Paris, and in Wheat at some country markets. Belgium and Holland have continued about the same. Hambro' and Danzic, though somewhat easier, have not shaped their quotations so as to leave any profitable margin for shipments here; while the interior of Germany and Hungary have about maintained the previous currency. Odessa, with reduced freights, is forwarding a few cargoes during the opportunity, but we have sufficient hints of frost to come to the conclusion that both the Black Sea and Baltic will only be able to send limited supplies by steam. American Spring Wheat has rather cheapened, but it is still too high for any free export trade.

The arrivals off the coast since 30th October were 40 cargoes, viz.: 15 cargoes Wheat, 15 Maize, 4 Barley, 3 Beans and 3 Rye."

AN INSURANCE INCIDENT.—The San Francisco *Bulletin* gives the following instance of honesty under temptation: "A clergyman in Petaluma, named JAMES HUNTER, insured his life in the Manhattan Insurance Company's office for $5,000, and had paid $389 in premiums, when, a few months since, he died. The necessary steps were taken to adjust the matter and pay the policy to his widow, but when the amount was tendered her she declined to receive it, on the ground that when her deceased husband insured his life he withheld from the agents of the Company and the examining physician information of a malady under which he was suffering, and which would probably have prevented him from securing a policy on his life. The Company at San Francisco immediately notified their principals of the facts of the case and of Mrs. HUNTER'S refusal to receive the $5,000, which she had made known to them by letter. On the 7th of September last, the Board of Directors of the Company held a meeting and adopted a resolution placing $2,000 at the disposal of the widow for her use and the use of her two children."

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Before Judge Blatchford.

COLLISION IN NORTH RIVER—VESSELS AT ANCHOR—LIGHTS—PARTIES IN FAULT.

Justin F. Talmage and Thomas Kivlin vs. *The Steamboat Austin, her Tackle, &c.*—BLATCHFORD, J.—This is a libel for a collision filed by the owners of two wrecking vessels for damages caused to those vessels by a collision, which occurred between them and the steamboat *Austin*, at about 7 o'clock in the evening of the 23d of November, 1865, in the Hudson River, off and a little above Teller's Point. The wrecking vessels were boats connected together by timbers running from one to the other. They were arranged over a sunken sloop, which they were employed in raising. One of the boats had a cabin, in which the wreckers lived. That boat had a mast. The other boat was an open boat. The structure composed of the two boats and the connecting timbers was substantially a single object. It was anchored in its position, and was considerably over on the eastern side of the channel, and to the eastward of the middle of the river. The weather was clear, so that lights could be seen two or three miles off; the tide was ebb and the wind was northeast. The *Austin* was going down the river, bound New-York, towing thirty-two boats, four on each side of her and twenty-four attached to her by hawsers behind in five tiers; that one of the wrecking vessels which had a mast had a light in a lantern suspended in the air some fifteen feet above the deck and about the same distance from the mast, upon a rope which ran from the gunwale to the mast-head. In addition to this light, there was another light in a movable lantern on the deck of one or the other of the two wrecking vessels. This latter lantern was not intended to be stationary, nor was it, in fact, stationary, for not long before the collision it was moved from a position on one boat to a position on the other boat; but still it was kept visible to approaching vessels exactly with the suspended lantern. The pilot of the *Austin* testifies that he saw the lights on these wrecking vessels at a distance, and that the appearance presented by them was such as to lead him to suppose that the object on which they were was a steamboat coming up the river with a tow, the arrangement of lights as exhibited to his eye being the same as was then shown on his own vessel, and used by other steam-tugs when towing tows; that when he had reached within about half a mile of the lights there was a change in their positions, relatively to each other, caused by the movement of the lowest light; that he then concluded that the object must be something other than a steam-tug towing; that he then saw the only chance of avoiding a collision was to try and go to the starboard of the object; and that he steered the *Austin* accordingly, and she passed in safety, but some of the boats in tow of her struck the wrecking vessels. It is clear, from the evidence, that the movement of the light from the deck of one of the two wrecking vessels to the deck of the other was seen by the pilot of the *Austin*, and led him to his change of course. But the difficulty in the case on the part of the *Austin* is that she ought not, with her unwieldy tow, subject as it was to the action of the tide and of the wind, to have approached so near to the object, whether it was supposed to be a tow or something else, as to be unable to avoid it. It appears from the testimony of the pilot that when he first saw the light at a distance he could not tell what it was, and came nearer to it and thought it was a tug, and remained of that opinion till the light on it moved. He ought not in navigating to have approached with his bulky and helpless tow so near. How he was going to avoid her if she was a tow does not appear, unless he relied upon her avoiding him. I cannot resist the conclusion that the *Austin* was in fault. But I think the wrecking vessels were also in fault. Whether it be claimed that the wrecking vessels were required to exhibit the light provided for vessels at anchor by article 7 of the act of April 29, 1864, or the light provided for open boats at anchor by article 9 of the same act, they should have exhibited but one light, or if they exhibited two, the two should have been similarly arranged. The actual arrangement was calculated to deceive an approaching vessel, and I think did contribute to induce the pilot of the *Austin* to think the object towing the lights was a steam-tug towing, and to approach nearer than he otherwise would. There must be a decree apportioning the damages equally between the parties, and giving costs to the libelants.

W. Jay Hackett for the libelants; Benedict & Benedict for the claimants.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Barbour.

WHAT MAY BE PLEADED IN MITIGATION IN AN ACTION FOR SLANDER.

Maas vs. *Holmes.*—The plaintiff kept a Conservatory of Music at the defendant's piano-forte warerooms, and in the month of August last, as alleged, the defendant spoke of the plaintiff to his pupils as "a thief and the greatest scoundrel unhung." He also accused Maas of stealing money from his desk, and informed the pupils that Maas was in the habit of spending his time at concert saloons and other places of questionable resort, and that Maas was in the habit of receiving his pupils' money and not returning it, or giving music lessons as he agreed. The plaintiff claims that in consequence of these slanders he was deprived of several pupils, and that he has sustained damages to the extent of $10,000.

The defendant, in his answer, denies the plaintiff's complaint, and further answers that the plaintiff's pupils were in the habit of waiting for hours for Maas and of stating their grievances to him, and that he did say it was wrong for Maas to take their money and not give them lessons; that Maas appeared only when it suited his convenience; that he was indebted for the use of the warerooms, and that if he lost any pupils, it was occasioned by his own conduct. The plaintiff moved to expunge all the later allegations, for the reason that they were not such matters as might be pleaded in mitigation; that instead of mitigating the damage, it was a repetition of the slander, and would aggravate the plaintiff's damages. It was insisted that this answer did not come within the decision of the Court of Appeals, in Bush vs. Prosser, 24 Kernan's Reports.

The defendant's counsel agreed that the answer was directly within that case, and that it was proper matter to be pleaded in mitigation.

After argument, the Court took the papers and reserved a decision.

A. H. Reavey for plaintiff; F. H. B. Bryan for defendant.

INTERESTING ACTION TO CANCEL FRAUDULENT DEEDS OF CONVEYANCE.

Robert M. Wilson et al. vs. *Robert Wilson, Isaac Wilson, et al.*—The plaintiffs are the children of the defendant, Robert Wilson. In the year 1855 they purchased and paid for certain real estate in Forty-fifth-street. Under an agreement with their father, they permitted the title to be taken in his name, he agreeing to convey the same to his children whenever requested. The plaintiffs supported their father, and he lived with them until he was induced by the defendants to go with them to New-Jersey, in November, 1867, and they have ever since kept him secluded so that the plaintiffs have not since been able to see him. On the 30th of November, 1867, the defendants induced and made the father execute a deed conveying the property to one Mary A. Leach, a daughter of the defendant, Isaac Wilson, and shortly afterward she conveyed the premises by deed to her father. Subsequently the defendant, Isaac Wilson, instituted summary proceedings against the plaintiffs and their tenants to dispossess them, and although Isaac Wilson's title was hotly contested, and the plaintiffs offered to prove the invalidity of the defendant's (Isaac Wilson's) title, the same was excluded, and judgment of ouster was actually rendered.

The plaintiffs then commenced this action to cancel the deed to their father, and also to cancel the deeds to Mary A. Leach and her father, and an injunction restraining and restraining the enforcement of the judgment in the summary proceedings. The case has been on trial all this week, and is likely to occupy the attention of the Court during the next week. Both parties are largely attended by their respective friends and witnesses, and some interesting testimony has been given, the particulars of which we withhold until the case is closed.

The property in dispute is quite valuable.

The plaintiffs are represented by A. H. Reavey and Chauncey Shaffer; and opposed are S. B. Noble, W. J. Kane and others.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Chief Justice Robertson and a Jury.

IS IT NECESSARY TO PLEAD A DEMAND AND REFUSAL IN REPLEVIN?

Mrs. Sluyter vs. *G. E. Williams.*—The plaintiff brought this suit to recover $1,000 worth of personal property. She testified she owned the property, and that the defendant had it in his house, and that she called for it and saw the defendant's servant, who refused to deliver it. On cross-examination she stated that she was a married woman; that her husband lived with her; that he supported her and paid all the expenses; that he purchased and paid for this property, and that she never demanded it from the defendant; she also stated that her husband left the property with the defendant, but that no amount was agreed upon for storage. A motion for a nonsuit was then made, upon the grounds, first, that the plaintiff was not the owner; second, that the defendant had an equitable lien for storage; and, third, that no demand for the property was made, nor was there a refusal to deliver before the commencement of the action. After hearing counsel at length, the motion was granted and the complaint dismissed with costs.

For plaintiff, Mr. G. W. Stevens; for defendant, A. H. Reavey, Esq.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Judge Gross.

DECISION IN THE BATEMAN ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASE.

Faustine Berthollet vs. *H. D. Bateman.*—This action, which was tried a few days ago before Judge Gross, without a jury, has been decided by the Court rendering a judgment for the plaintiff for $150 and $25 allowance. The amount claimed was $500 for damages alleged to have been sustained in consequence of assault and battery and false imprisonment, which the plaintiff says she suffered at the hands of the defendant in June last.

SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Gideon J. Tucker.

WILLS ADMITTED.

The following wills were admitted during the week ending Nov. 21, 1868: Olivia G. Hooker, Robt. H. Maclay, Mary J. Carroll, Richard F. Ryer, Catharine Leech, John B. Perdon, Jacob Stienback, Frederic Bronson, Catharine A. Duncan, Margaret Carlin, Patrick Donnelly, Christian G. Gunther, John McVickar, Charles H. Leonard, Mary Keller, Matthias Aister.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

The following letters of administration were granted on the estates of Alphonse H. Potier, Francis H. McGrath, Alfred Devoe, Jacob Dorner, Philip Awe, William Thain, Anton Schreiber, Marx Solomon, David B. Morrell, John G. Demarest, Patrick Hall, Carl Steyert, Michael Ward, Katharine Seibold, Charlotte Beatty, Lucius B. Allen, Thomas Dyer, Kate A. Foley, William Hawkins, otherwise William Haley, John Lourey, Mary Teelmeyer, Margaret Rogers, Jane Van Doorn, otherwise Doren, Mardin Hart, Simon Berdin, Richard A Curd.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—NOV. 21.

By Judge Sutherland.

In the matter of the petition of George Scheller et al., infants, &c., for leave to mortgage property; report of referee confirmed and order granted.

In re the petition of Mary E. Gould for leave to mortgage real estate, &c.; report of referee confirmed and judgment ordered.

Diedrick Hollman vs. Anna Hollman; report of referee confirmed and judgment of divorce granted.

Dixon vs. Emez et al.; order granted confirming the report.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—NOV. 21.

By Judge Barbour.

Henry D. Townsend vs. John Gilsey; motion granted.

Robert M. Wilson et al. vs. Isaac Wilson et al.; motion granted, and Thos. E. Bennett appointed to take testimony.

The National Shoe and Leather Bank vs. Nathaniel Bass et al.; motion granted and cause referred.

Chas. M. Mayer et al. vs. Benoit Block; motion granted and cause referred.

Asa Balliet vs. Thomas B. Wilson et al.; motion granted and interrogatories settled.

By Judge Garvin.

G. de Zaldo et al. vs. Paul N. Spofford; case settled and filed in the Clerk's office.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Before Justices Dowling and Kelly.

The calendar was again below the average in the number of cases presented, and showed only twenty-one of petit larceny, seven of assault and battery, one of riot, one of misdemeanor, and one of cruelty to animals. The case of riot—which has looked formidable on the list for several sessions—was finally disposed of by the discharge of the six prisoners, as the complainant did not appear to prosecute. It then appeared informally that the case was formidable only in its title, and the riot was, in fact, only a scuffle in which six were pitted against one.

HUNTING A KNIFE.

Henry Porter, who appears rather the worse for wear, was found at 9 o'clock last night in the cellar of Christian Schmidt, No. 263 West Twenty-sixth-street, groping among the numerous kegs of lager and casks of wine with which it was stored. Upon being discovered he hoped he was not intruding, and said he was only searching for a pocket-knife he had dropped through the grating from the sidewalk. It appeared, however, that he had broken this grating to gain access to the cellar, which might have been obtained for the mere asking, and he was therefore sent to the Penitentiary for six months.

A CHANCE MEETING.

Thomas Casey was walking in Spring-street, where he encountered Louisa Butler, a nymph arrayed with more display than taste. According to the testimony, she approached and, without a word passing between them, deftly and silently abstracted his watch from his vest pocket. She had but little to say in her defence, and that little being deemed irrelevant, she was sent for six months to the Penitentiary.

A FAILURE.

The case of Isaac Reitenburg, charged with stealing $10 from Rosa Braun, has been fully reported. The prisoner being placed on trial, sought to prove an *alibi* by two witnesses, who swore very positively to his whereabouts during the entire day of the larceny. The Court considered that these witnesses had sworn with entirely too much particularity, refused to believe them, announced the *alibi* a failure, and sent the accused to the Penitentiary for six months.

POLICE COURTS.

THE TOMBS—HOGAN, JUSTICE.

PICKPOCKET.

WM. HALSEY, of No. 234 Bergen-street, Brooklyn, was crossing the East River yesterday on a Fulton Ferry-boat, when he discovered that his silver watch had been abstracted

DRY GOODS.

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BEFORE REMOVING TO THEIR NEW STORE,

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COMPRISING ALL THE LATEST NOVELTIES IN

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CLOAKS AND SHAWLS, &c., &c.,

AT A

GREAT REDUCTION.

SUGDEN & BRADBURY,

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Nov. 21, 1868.

PROCLAMATION.

The President of the United States and the Governor of the State of New-York have recommended that THURSDAY, the 26th day of November instant, be set apart and observed by the people as a day of Thanksgiving.

I earnestly unite in these recommendations of the National and State Executives. Let all public and private business be suspended on that day in this City, and let the people everywhere, in their homes and in their churches, with hearts full of gratitude to Almighty God, thes ver ofall good, render to Him praise and thanksgiving for all His mercies.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COURT-HOUSE, PARK, Oct. 31, 1868.

TO TAX-PAYERS:

Notice is hereby given, that one per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid on the 1st of December; also an additional one per cent. on Dec. 15.

On all taxes remaining unpaid on Jan. 1 interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, calculated from the day the books were received by the Receiver of Taxes for collection of payment, will be added. No money will be received after 2 o'clock P. M. Office hours from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M. BERNARD SMYTH, Receiver.

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NEW-YORK, Nov. 21, 1868.

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TO RENT—WITH BOARD, A LARGE AND pleasant second-story room, No. 36 St. Mark's-place, corner 2d-av. Location and accommodations in every respect desirable. Best references given.

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HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE.—A FINE BAY HORSE 7 YEARS old, perfectly sound without a fault; particularly suitable for a City express-wagon or Truck. Price, $ 30. Also a Sorrel bay Pony, (Canadian,) stylish and good driver; suitable for a phaeton; perfectly quiet; can be driven by a lady; would make a fine saddle pony for a young gentleman. Price, $175. Can be seen at BENNETT & DAVIDSON'S, opposite the county buildings, Flatbush, L. I.

FOR SALE—TWO HORSES AND TRUCKS, harness, &c., and plenty of work; everything in good order and complete; must be sold immediately. Call on the carman, corner of Prince and Wooster sts. J. MYERHAVER.

FOR SALE—A NUMBER OF GOOD DRAUGHT horses. To be seen at JACKSON & CO.'S stables, No. 533 and 535 West 21st-st.

TO BE SOLD AT THE PUBLIC POUND, 54th-st. Madison-av., a good bay horse, ten hands high, and eight goats, on Nov. 24, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

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GREAT SALE OF

500 LOTS,

OPPOSITE NEW-YORK,

ON THE NORTHERN RAILROAD

OF NEW-JERSEY,

AT 12 O'CLOCK ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25, ON THE PREMISES.

The magnificent property at HOMESTEAD STATION, known as the homestead of the Hon. Judge Sturges, two miles from Jersey City and Hoboken Ferries, and only ten minutes from the City by the Northern Railroad of New-Jersey. The New-York and Paterson Plank road runs through the property, and the New-York and Hackensack Turnpike passes within a few yards. This is the only large plot now for sale in this locality, and is unsurpassed for beauty and grandeur of prospect and excellence of soil. The above property is on a line with 45th-st., New-York. For maps and free passes apply to the auctioneers, 77 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

POSITIVE SALE TO SETTLE AN ESTATE OF A VALUABLE

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AT NEWARK, N. J.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9, at 12½ P. M., on the premises:

The valuable lots, with the brick buildings thereon, known as the "Union Building," (now occupied by the Newark Woolen Mills,) situated in Newark, N. J., directly opposite the Centre-st. Depot of the New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, (railroad depot but 150 feet, and steamboat landing 350 feet distant.) Trains run to and from New-York half-hourly every day; time, 30 minutes. The machinery consists of 9 sets 48-inch breakers and 40-inch finishers, 14 jacks, 1 twister of 200 spindles, 7 rotary fulling mills, 4 fulling stocks, gigs, crpouse, hydro-extractors, wool-dryers, 34 broad Crompton looms, cloth dryer, extractors, presses, tenter bars, and everything complete for a first-class cassimere mill. Also, engine, four steam boilers of 130-horse power, shafting, belts, steam, water and gas pipes, &c., The mill is now running, and the purchaser can commence without delay of starting up.

Also, the dwelling-house and lot adjoining, now used by the superintendent. For further particulars and diagrams, apply on the premises or to HENRY J. GARDNER & CO., No. 48 Leonard-st., New-York, or No. 34 Pemberton-sq., Boston, or to the auctioneers, No. 77 Cedar-st., New-York.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25,

At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom,

MORNINGSIDE PARK LOTS AT AUCTION.

9TH-AV.—Six full lots on the east side of 9th-av., commencing at the northeast corner of 117th-st. and facing Morningside Park.

117TH-ST.—One lot on the north side of 117th-st., immediately in the rear of the above lots.

117TH-ST.—Four lots on the south side of 117th-st., beginning 100 feet east of 9th-av., each 25x1½ block.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., Auctioneers.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1, AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT THE Exchange Salesroom:

VALUABLE 3D-AV. CORNER FOR SALE.

3D-AV.—Premises northwest corner 3d-av. and 26th-st.; size 21x112, with alleyway.

BUILDING LOT ON MADISON-AV.

MADISON-AV.—Valuable lot on Madison-av., 76 7½ feet north of 80th-st.; size 25.6½x100. $7,000 can remain on mortgage for four years. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY AT AUCTION, by order of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York, under the direction of Simon de Visser, Receiver. E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Dec. 1, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

BROADWAY, NORTHEAST CORNER WEST 32D-ST.—Nos. 1,260, 1,262 and 1,264 Broadway, valuable plot of ground, being 58 feet 4 inches on Broadway, and 80 feet 7 inches on 32d-st., with the three-story brick building thereon.

WEST 32D-ST.—Nos. 51, 51½, 53 and 55, adjoining the above on the rear, 50x98 feet 9 inches, with the two three-story brick buildings thereon.

EXCHANGE-PLACE AND NEW-ST.—Nos. 65 and 67 Exchange-place, through to Nos. 22 and 24 New-st., with the valuable four-story brick buildings thereon.

BROAD-ST., NO. 24—The unexpired term of 15 years and 6 month from Nov. 1, 1868.

WALL-ST., No. 62—Valuable five-story stone front building and lot of ground, north side, near Pearl-st.

TERMS OF SALE.

SIMON DE VISSER, Receiver.

BLATCHFORD, SEWARD & GRISWOLD, Solicitors for Receiver, No. 29 Nassau-st.

Maps now ready at the auctioneers' office, 3 Pine-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., Auctioneers.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24,

AT 12 O'CLOCK,

ON THE PREMISES,

SPLENDID HOUSES AND VILLA SITES,

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The property of K. Couillard, Esq., to be sold at auction at his stable,

NO. 21 WEST 28TH-ST.,

By EDWARD SCHENCK, on TUESDAY, 24th inst., at 9½ o'clock A. M., viz.: an elegant span of dark bays, 15¾ hands, warranted perfectly sound, kind and gentle in all harness, and only eight years old; both fine saddle horses, and of extraordinary style and action; were purchased in Vermont by Mr. Couillard; an elegant silk-lined ¾ Clarence, built by Tomlinson & Demarest; equal to new; a fine top-wagon, with pole and shafts, built by Dan. Dusenbery; double and single harness, blankets, robes, &c., &c. The above will be on exhibition at the stable on Monday afternoon, from 4 to 5 o'clock. Parties desiring really fine horses would do well to examine them.

LARGE ORANGE COUNTY FARM AT AUCTION.—We will offer at auction, on TUESDAY, Nov. 24, 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the late residence of James Cromwell, deceased, two miles from Monroe station, on the New-York and Erie Railway, the farm of said deceased, containing 413 acres of land, most of which is well fenced, underdrained and highly productive; it is well adapted to the milk business, and has 75 cows, with other stock, now upon it; terms cash.

JOHN CROMWELL,
J. T. CROMWELL,
WM. A. SEAMAN,
} Executors.

SIXTY-EIGHTH AUCTION SALE OF SCRANTON COAL.

On WEDNESDAY, Nov. 25, 1868, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company will sell, by Messrs. JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., Auctioneers, at the Company's Salesroom, No. 26 Exchange-place, New-York, at 12 o'clock, noon,

70,000 TONS OF COAL,

from the Lackawanna regions, deliverable at their depot, Elizabethport, N. J., during December, 1868.

SAMUEL SLOAN, President.

D. M. SEAMAN, Auctioneer.

FRANKLIN-ST. PROPERTY.—D. M. SEAMAN will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Nov. 24, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the two valuable lots and buildings Nos. 116 and 118 Franklin-st., between Church-st and West Broadway. Lots each 20x50 feet. Maps and particulars at the Auctioneer's office, No. 14 Pine-st.

PROPOSALS.

ARMY SUPPLIES.

FORT WADSWORTH, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y. H., Nov. 11, 1868.

Proposals in duplicate, with copy of this advertisement attached, will be received by the undersigned until 11 o'clock A. M., Nov. 25, 1868, for supplying

FRESH BEEF

to the troops at this post.

The said beef must be fresh, of a good marketable quality, in equal proportion of fore and hind quarters, (neck, shank and kidney, tallow to be rendered,) and to be delivered at this post free of cost, in such quantity as may be from time to time required, by and on such days as the commanding officer shall designate—not exceeding four times per week.

The necks of the cattle slaughtered for beef to be delivered under this agreement, shall be cut off at the fourth rib from the joint, and the breast trimmed even. The shanks of fore quarters shall be cut off from three to four inches above the knee joint, and of hind quarters from six to eight inches above the gambrel or hock joint.

Separate proposals in duplicate will also be received by the undersigned up to the same hour and date above mentioned, for supplying commissioned officers and their families stationed at this Post, or supplied therefrom, with such choice fresh meats as they may from time to time require, such as sirloin and porter-house steak, standing rib, or ribs roasts, mutton chops, &c.

These contracts to be in force six months, or such less time as the Commissary-General shall direct, commencing on the 1st of December, 1868, and subject to the approval of the Commanding-General of the Department of the East.

In case of failure or deficiency in quality or quantity of the fresh beef stipulated to be delivered, then the Commissary at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., shall have power to supply the deficiency by purchase, and the contractor will be charged with the difference of cost.

The contractor will be required to enter into bonds for the sum of two thousand dollars, signed also by two responsible sureties, whose names must be mentioned in the bids.

The proposals will be opened at 11 o'clock A. M. on Nov. 25, 1868, at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y. H., at which time and place bidders are requested to be present.

Proposals will be marked, "Proposals for Beef," and addressed

J. W. MACMURRAY,
First Lieut. First Artillery,
Brevet Major U. S. A., A. C. S.

MEDICAL.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE LADIES.—Ladies about to require nursing, who have not the convenience at home, can have pleasant and well furnished rooms, superior board, nursing and medical attendance previous to and during confinement, at the residence of DR. GRINDLE, No. 6 Amity-place, between Bleecker and Amity sts. Having over eighteen years' successful and uninterrupted practice in this City, guarantees relief in all female complaints from whatever cause, moderate.

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With the following great cast:

Donna Anna.....Mme. DE LA GRANGE
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(Her first appearance.)
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Don Giovanni.....Signor ORLANDINI
Masetto.....Signor DUBREUIL
Commandatore.....Signor BARILI
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IN HIS GREAT PART OF LEPORELL

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS.

The English Sparrows in Our Parks—The Union-square Delegation.

No person who has noticed the wonderfully rapid increase in the number of the sparrows which were imported from England a year or so ago, and who is also cognisant of the amount and extent of the noble work performed by the little brown-coated insect-destroyers, but will be also interested in learning something more about these tiny-winged missionaries. No one who has sojourned for a Summer in New-York or Brooklyn in the years more recently gone by, but has been more or less of a victim, according to the quality of his nervous constitution, to the intolerable plague of numberless myriads of that most disgusting shiver-producing, cold-chills-down-your-back-generating, filthy and noisome of all crawling things, the "inch worm." Though this pest is known in some other towns the citizens there only see him as a scout, a skirmisher, an occasional visitor, who comes merely on pioneer duty—the main armies of his entomological comrades are reserved for Gotham and its sister cities. Gardeners and park keepers could always invent names enough for him—they called him the "inch worm," the "measuring worm," the "canker worm," the "leaf worm," the "six-legged hunchback worm," and gave him a score of other names. They knew all about his family; about his parentage; about his birth, growth and development, from the egg to the white-winged mother moth again; but they couldn't contrive to effectually kill him. Tar, turpentine, petroleum, in all its many shapes, to say nothing of a hundred other nasty chemicals, all failed; the objectionable eggs seemed to be indestructible. When the careful gardener sometimes fondly fancied that his diggings about the tree-roots, his hot water scaldings, his benzine drenchings, and his other high-flavored red-hot proceedings, had destroyed the larvæ, and thus done for the plague, it was all in vain, for lo! the early days of the warm June disclosed the worm family in greater numbers than ever before; there they were devouring every tender leaf, stripping every delicate twig, and then spinning down into the disgusted face of all passers-by, and making them crawl and cringe, and sometimes swear thereat and thereby. Of course, in addition to all the means for persuading the crawling wretch to leave the land, birds were suggested, and were tried. It did not take long, however, to find out that however partial the robins and bluebirds, and other and larger, and still other and smaller birds might be to cherries and berries and various fruits, and however willing they might be to take a fat maggot or a plump worm or an obese moth at dessert, neither the maggot, the worm nor the moth were even in the most distant degree related to the dreaded "inch worm." In fact, this little crawler did not figure even as "cold boiled veal" in the ornithological bill of fare—to be eaten when nothing else could be procured. No! the indigenous feathered ones of our starred and spangled land would have naught to do with the unpleasant worms who humped themselves continually into a Grecian bend. In fact, any inch worm can whip a full-grown robin in a minute, and frighten a bluebird into quick consumption in half the time. It was only when a robin was found dead of absolute starvation, with hundreds of the fattest of all fat inch worms gleefully swinging about his head, crawling over his inanimate body, and even some of the younger and more playful ones venturing into the very mouth of the self-respecting bird who had died of hunger rather than eat them, that the gardeners were convinced that American birds will not eat inch worms.

Then some philanthropist announced that the common brown sparrow of England is an open, industrious, tireless and unrelenting foe of the inch pest; and also that the said sparrow is not content with simply slaying the detested wretch, but is so far cannabalic in his nature, that nothing short of absolutely devouring his enemy will at once sate his vengeance and satisfy his appetite.

Sparrows were sent for, and many were brought to this land of freedom, &c., &c. Philanthropists, arboriculturists, park-keepers and speculators, pure and simple, were all engaged in the new trade.

Many sparrows were placed in the Central Park, as well as in various other public squares of the City, and also in one or more of the grand cemeteries. So perverse, however, is the nature of the little brown rascal, that, rather than stay where he is put, he will emigrate and domicile himself, in many cases, in quarters not half so good as those especially provided for him. Thus, many of the pairs placed in Central Park at once strayed away, nested, and proceeded to rear families in private gardens near by, and in sundry other parks and squares, and under the eaves and cornices of brown-stone mansions, until those private and aristocratic quarters being, for the most part used up, the descendants of the original immigrants have at last condescended to abide in the places originally set apart for their homes. Consequently the "Central," the great pride park of New-York, (which should be called anything but the "Central,") has many flocks of sparrows, while, from other parks, the swarming broods of each season have so overflowed that now there is scarcely a prominent public ground in either New-York or Brooklyn that cannot boast its nucleus of a future colony, while the private gardens that are filled with the welcome strangers are, to use a new, original and unhackneyed expression, "too numerous to mention."

The little story of the brood in Union-square, which is looked after by the officer in charge of the grounds, Policeman JOHN I. SHAW, as carefully as though he felt a truly parental interest in each and every bird, will perhaps give the reader a better idea of the ways, manners and habits of these tiny benefactors of the American public than could any elaborate and over-scientific entire volume.

To begin: The birds have, since their advent, done their work. They have, so far as their scanty numbers and consequently limited opportunities have enabled them, whipped out the inch worm. This astounding fact, that they, of all public servants of this City, have fulfilled their contract, makes their history not only interesting, but unique.

In the afternoon of the 4th of April, 1866, ten weary English sparrows, evidently tired out from a long flight in search of something they had not before discovered, came into Union-square, Fourteenth-street and Broadway. Their pretty appearance testified their youth; their sharp scoldings and sharper peckings and clawings showed conclusively that they were conjugally mated, while their determined air convinced all beholders that they had come to stay, and that they would search no further for homes and hearths suited to their minds. They brought no characters from their last places, but it was soon found that they came either from Stuyvesant-square or from a private house, corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street. Immediately on their arrival the fine gentlemen birds proclaimed war, and at once went to fighting in the most business-like manner with two pairs of wrens, who owned a mansion a little wooden house in a tree, in which they had lived in peace for a year. The fight was short, sharp and decisive, and it didn't take anything like all Summer to fight it out on that line. In fourteen minutes by a respectable watch the wrens were not only whipped, but were turned out of house and home, and the ten invaders had taken possession of their hearths.

The sparrows made themselves perfectly at home. Two pairs nested at once, after a brief courtship, and in five weeks *nine* young sparrows were born. At the end of the season it was found that these five pairs of birds had so increased that before the first frost there were, by actual count, seventy-six sparrows, including the original progenitors of the flock.

A pair of healthy sparrows will, it has been ascertained, rear five broods in a season, each young newborn family averaging at least four individuals; the hen lays from three to six eggs, and, barring accidents, by which a nest may be thrown down, (as by high winds, &c.,) ninety-nine in one hundred of the eggs will hatch.

In the Fall of 1867, the 75 birds of Union Park had increased to over 600. The first brood that was hatched this year (1868) was on the 19th of April; they were all healthy, promising children, but were ushered "too soon into this breathing world"—they all died of cold. As soon as the parent birds discovered the scurvy trick Jack Frost had served them, they, discarding all sentimentality, at once pitched the cold corpuses of their dead babies out of the tree upon the "cold, cold ground," and proceeded to make the nest comfortable for the next installment of the season's young ones. In due time these came to hand, and this same enterprising parent couple afterward hatched four more broods, numbering twenty-one birds, before the 28th of August, in the same year, which is this present one, A. D. 1868.

Officer SHAW has now under his care a nice little family of sparrows, more than 1,500 in number, to take care of through the Winter, all of them being the direct descendants of the five pairs of forlorn but plucky birds who came to abide with him two years and a half ago. In the Spring of 1866 there was in Union-square but a single bird-house. In the Summer of 1866 one hundred more were put up by subscription, and last year seventy more, of uniform size, were added, besides several others of special beauty and elegance, erected by gentlemen who chose to testify in this manner their love for their little friends. Most of these houses accommodate two pairs each of sparrows, though the more pretentious establishments are arranged to afford rooms for many more. One of these last-named houses bears the name of the "Sparrows' Hotel," another is the "Sparrows' Pavilion," while still a third boasts the sweeter title of the "Sparrows' Home." These three miniature palaces are the gift of a well-known physician of New-York, and have been painted and otherwise adorned by the busy hands of his little daughters, and as one of them bears, in tiny letters, the name of "LAURA," while on the other the close observer can distinguish the word "BLANCHE," it may be fair to presume that these names are the property of the girl house-*builders* rather than of the bird house-*holders*. The "Hotel" has eight rooms, the "Home" five rooms, while the more ambitious "Pavilion" boasts fifty apartments, a single pair of feathered guests being domiciled in each room—board bills payable daily in advance; musical notes only received. There are now about 180 bird-houses in Union-square, and there is also, besides the others already mentioned, a rustic thatched cottage, giving a home to thirty-six pairs.

These little chaps, the sparrows, are exceedingly pugnacious, not only driving away birds of different species, but not permitting strange sparrows to take up their abode there; the first Union-square bird that espies a stranger at once calls his indignant comrades, and in a moment they attack and expel the intruders with the greatest fury, and then, having driven them forth, the victorious Union-squarettes assemble on two or three adjoining trees, recount in triumphant verse to each other their several deeds of daring against the common enemy, and then all burst into a grand chorus together, and end the conference in a regular jubilee.

In the pairing time they also have earnest and determined fights with each other. Not unfrequently a little female coquette in her "first season" out, fully conscious of her own beauty, will find herself the adored object of half a dozen gentlemen sparrows, who ought to know better, but who of course don't, and who, equally of course, pitch into each other, with the greatest fury, until one happy and athletic aspirant floors and flaxes all the balance; whereupon the coquettish little maid turns up her disgusted nose at the beaten swains, puts her arm in that of the conquering hero, and they seek the nearest available shop and buy a marriage license.

But these young married couples have not houses enough in this particular Park, even now, and contributions are still solicited for other "hotels" of greater dimensions. Last Winter several pairs of birds had no good shelter all Winter, as the other selfish little housekeepers absolutely refused to take boarders,—in fact, a well-housed couple will see with the greatest complacency a neighbor family freeze to death before offering the smallest corner of their own snug nest.

The nest inside the box or house, is made of fine hair, cotton, grass and feathers, laid on a foundation of coarser material, such as twigs and straw. In the Summer the sparrows devour the inch worm, and also the heads of the dreaded yellow caterpillar, the scourge of gardens in certain localities; they also eat grasshoppers, earth worms and other grubs worms and insects. In the inclement season the keeper of the Park feeds them with cracked rice, of which the Union-square birds last Winter devoured two barrels, or more than four hundred weight, which cost $4 per hundred. The many children who visit the parks are, almost invariably, kind to the birds, and have fed them so often that the little songsters have become well acquainted and almost tearless. They are very fond of bathing and spattering about in the water. The thoughtful care of Officer SHAW has provided for them accommodations in the shape of short pieces of plank securely anchored at an easy angle in the basin of the fountain, so that the little fellows have no trouble in gaining access to the water at all times. A curious spectator counted, 126 taking their fluttering baths from these boards in ten minutes, one hot afternoon last August.

Though Mr. Sparrow will not live in peace with any member of his own family to whom he has not been regularly and properly introduced, he seems to have no objection to the common little "chipping-bird," which is the only other fowl,' big or little, that dares to venture into the Union-square. Probably the very defencelessness of poor little "chippy" challenges the pity and excites the magnanimity of the sparrow, for he permits his humble cousin to dwell near him without molestation.

Not so, however, with birds of a more pretentious stripe. Little Monsieur Sparrow has pluck enough to attack the golden eagle himself, should that emblematic gentleman excite the sparrow's wrath. One bright day last July a large red parrot escaped from his cage and came straightway into Union-square; in an instant he was observed; in a minute the news was transmitted to sparrow headquarters by the vigilant scout; in two other minutes the word was passed for a general muster of the forces, and in three minutes more the blood-red intruder was attacked by the combined cohorts of the entire sparrow army. He was driven from tree to tree, and soon took refuge on a telegraph pole outside the park; from there he was driven to the lofty flagstaff of Dr. CHEEVER'S church, and even from that elevated perch the chattering sparrows hunted him in ignominious disgrace. They then went home and had a "jollification."

Every evening at about an hour before sunset the thankful sparrows give a grand concert for the benefit of all concerned. They think much of the hackdrivers, who have their stands about the square, for from under the noses of the hack horses the little "brownies" pick up every day a generous dinner of the scattered oats spilled by the clumsy quadrupeds.

Many of these little birds were imported this year from England, but their rapid increase will render this trade unnecessary in the future. Their excessive pugnacity renders it difficult to manage them when caged in large lots. One enterprising Bostonian started from England with 2,500 in half a dozen large cages; when he reached home he had but forty. The strong had killed all the weak.

The little creatures have so far nobly fulfilled their mission, and the dreaded "inch worm" is rapidly disappearing from New-York. The young birds, when newly-hatched, leave one park for another until they find a home to suit their fastidious fancy. In another year or two there will probably be not a public park or private garden without its full complement of sparrows.

Let them come—the more the merrier. We have no information as to whether our insectivorous guest will devour the "rose-bug," but we hope so. If he can and will rid Green-Wood Cemetery and our parks of this pest also, the measure of his usefulness will be running over, and he shall have our genuine gratitude for evermore. We shall then at once claim him as a thoroughly naturalized citizen. If he chooses to dabble in politics, he shall vote unchallenged as *early* as he can wake up the inspectors of election, and as *often* as he will swear in his tiny ballot. At all events, he shall be provided at our expense, rent free for all the year, with a house, elegant in externals, and, as to internals, furnished to his liking, so nearly as we know it—and he shall have full, overflowing rations of food, the most delicate and savory that we can choose, for all those months wherein he cannot provide for himself a bill of fare more to his taste than anything that we know how to offer.

Railroad Winter Arrangements.

The Winter arrangement of running the trains on the Harlem Railroad will go into effect to-morrow. According to the new time table the trains will leave the depot, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-sixth-street, as follows: 6:30 A. M., for Williams' Bridge and all way stations; 8:15 A. M., Chatham Corners and all way stations; 10 A. M., for Albany and principal way stations; 10:15 A. M., for White Plains and all way stations; 2:30 P. M., White Plains and all way stations; 3:50 P. M., West Mount Vernon and station to Pauldings; 4 P. M., for Williams' Bridge and all way stations; 4:35 P. M., for Albany and principal way stations; 5 P. M., for White Plains and all way stations; 6 P. M., White Plains and all way stations; 6:40 P. M., White Plains and all way stations; 9:30 A. M., Williams' Bridge and all way stations. The Wednesday night theatre train will run as usual.

YACHTING.

Proposed International Race—Challenge to the New-York Yacht Club.

The late yacht race, in which the schooner *Sappho* competed against several well-known English yachts, and which resulted in the defeat of the American yacht, has given rise to considerable discussion as to the respective merits of English and American yachts. Mr. ASHBURY, the owner of the *Cambria*, the winner of the race in which the *Sappho* competed, and one of the most prominent patrons of yachting in England, has interested himself considerably in arranging an international race, in order to decide the respective merits of the yachts of both countries. In the early part of the year Mr. ASHBURY proposed to one of the leading English yacht clubs to send an invitation to New-York for two or three vessels to come over in time for the races at Cowes and Ryde this year, and then for several of the leading English yachts to sail them back, and, as a special inducement, offered to subscribe £500 toward a purse to be presented to the owner of the winning yacht. It appears that this arrangement fell through, as the owners of the principal vessels in England generally leave off yachting, after the Isle of Wight races, for grouse and partridge shooting, which commences about that time. English yachts have been brought to a great state of perfection of late, and their owners are evidently very anxious to recover their lost laurels, which the *America* carried off in triumph in 1851. The following is an extract from Mr. ASHBURY'S letter to the President of the New-York Yacht Club:

> Before my yachting time your schooner *America* had the honor of winning the cup presented by Her Majesty to the Royal Yacht Squadron, and I am glad to believe that the New-York Yacht Clubs have in the most friendly and courteous manner offered the cup in question to be sailed for in New-York waters to any English yacht which will compete for it. It is an esteemed honor for any Englishman to win at any time the Queen's prize, but I venture to think none could be so much valued as the one so triumphantly taken away in 1851 by the *America*, and, subject to conditions which I hope will be deemed equitable and reasonable to all concerned, I have the pleasure to ask you to kindly state to your Committee that I am disposed to challenge all America for the possession of the cup in question: Firstly, I propose that during or before the season of 1869 the New-York Yacht Club select their champion schooner, of a tonnage not to exceed by per cent. of the Thames measurement (368 tons) of the *Cambria*. Secondly, the vessel referred to I would desire to see arrive in England in ample time to take part in the matches of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes, and the Royal Victoria Yacht Club at Ryde, for which races she will doubtless be permitted to enter, on time allowance and measurement as per rules of those clubs. These races take place early in August, six to eight or nine miles to the windward, and nine miles, Ryde to Victoria and Queen's courses, (also about sixty,) and probably a run to Cherbourg and back. The prizes would be the sweepstakes given by the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron, two cups of £400 each from the towns of Cowes and Ryde, and several £100 and £50 cups; and I may add that if the yacht could arrive about a month before she would be in time for the first of the best ocean races of the Royal Thames Yacht Club. At these races your representative vessel would meet all the best and fastest English and Scotch yachts. Among others: schooners, Guinivere, Alarm, Cambria, Aline, Kgeria, Gioriana, Albertine, Bine Bell, Pantomime, Geiert, &c.; yawls—Lufra and Julia; cutters—Sunara, Corsair, Vicha, Arrow, &c., &c. I would give a fair opportunity of testing her qualities during the height of the Isle of Wight yachting season, and with the temptation of many precious highly valuable cups scarcely afterward, not for their mere intrinsic value. Thirdly—On or about Sept. 1, I would race your vessel from the Isle of Wight to New-York, for a cup or service of silver valued at £500; no time allowance, and no restriction as to crew or number of hands. Fourthly—I would then, at an early date, race said vessel round Long Island, on the Royal Thames Yacht Club measurement, and their time allowance, for a second cup, and after that to decide as to the Championship, and the final possession of the *America's* Queen's Cup of 1851; if I lost, I would present the New-York Yacht Club, the owner of the successful vessel, with a cup valued 100 guineas, or I would race any other schooner of about my tonnage over the same course on the said conditions, the competing vessel to have been previously pronounced by the New-York Yacht Club as the fastest vessel in America of her size and class, and providing the said vessel had not been built since the date of this communication, and was in all respects a bona-fide going vessel, and not a mere shell or racing machine. At your earliest convenience I shall be glad to hear from you or the club secretary on the subject. Meanwhile, believe me, yours truly, JAMES ASHBURY.
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> P. S.—Please address your reply to No. 6 Eastern-terrace, Brighton.

The terms offered in this challenge of Mr. ASHBURY appear to be very fair, and will probably be acted upon by the New-York Yacht Club, who are equally anxious to have an international contest, where they can try the respective merits of the best yachts of each country.

THE ERIE RAILWAY WAR.

Answer of August Belmont to the Complaint of Charles McIntosh.

Charles McIntosh vs. *The Erie Railway Company, August Belmont and others.*—The separate answer of AUGUST BELMONT, one of the defendants to the case in the above entitled action:—The defendant answering said complaint says that he has no knowledge nor information sufficient to form a belief as to wherein the plaintiff is an owner of stock of the Erie Railroad Company, or whether any stock thereof stands in his name on the transfer books of said Company, as is alleged in the second clause of the said complaint. And this defendant alleges, on information and belief, that the total number of shares of the stock of said Company outstanding is much greater than that alleged in said complaint. And this defendant further answering alleges that he has no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief in respect to the short sales of stock of said Company in said complaint alleged to have been made, or as to the desires, devices or measures of the persons alleged to be interested in such short sales, but this defendant says he is not interested and has not been interested in any such short sales, and has no interest in depressing the market value of the stock of said Railway Company, but is, on the contrary, interested to enhance the value thereof, and has no pecuniary interest in any litigation now pending or contemplated, except to secure the faithful management of said Company and preserve its property from the depredations of its present managers. That before the commencement of this action this defendant's firm of A. Belmont and Company brought an action in this Court against the Erie Railway Company and its directors for the protection of the interest of defendant's said firm as stockholders of said Company to the amount of 4,000 shares of such stock actually held and owned by them in good faith, and to restrain certain frauds and mismanagement on the part of JAY GOULD, JAMES FISK, Jr., and some of the other directors of said Company, as alleged in the complaint in said action, and also to restrain further illegal issues of stock of said Company, and to obtain the appointment of a receiver of funds and property of said Company for the protection of the stockholders thereof, and this defendant prays leave to refer to the complaint in said action for the purpose of showing the grounds thereof. That said action was commenced before the service upon him of the summons and complaint in this action, and then was and still is pending and is being presented in good faith for the protection of the interests of this defendant and firm as such stockholders. That this defendant or his firm had not, and have not, and have not had any other interest in the stock of said Company, except as such stockholders, and are not, and have not been, directly or indirectly, short of the stock of said Company, or had any interest or concern in any short sale of such stock. And this defendant, further answering on information and belief denies that the railroad of the Erie Railway Company is now or ever efficiently managed for the best interests of the stockholders or creditors thereof, and this defendant denies each and every allegation contained in the sixth clause of said complaint, so far as such allegations related to this defendant, and so far as they relate to the other defendants he has no knowledge sufficient to form a belief; and this defendant denies the allegations in the seventh clause of said complaint, so far as they relate to the present directors and officers of said Company; and this defendant charges on information and belief that this action is brought collusively at the instigation or by procurement of the said JAY GOULD and said JAMES FISK, Jr., and other directors of the said Company, who are conniving and confederated together to control the affairs of said Company, and to use the funds and properties thereof in their own private speculations, and that the object of said action is to defeat, impede and obstruct the legal remedies of the honest stockholders of said Company against such Directors, and to shelter them from the legal liabilities which they have incurred by their frauds and misconduct.

Wherefore this defendant prays that all orders made in this action be setaside, and that the complaint be discharged with costs.

RAPALLO & SPENCER,
Attorneys for defendant BELMONT.

AUGUST BELMONT'S AFFIDAVIT.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 19, 1868.

City and County of New-York, ss.—AUGUST BELMONT, one of the defendants in the above entitled action, being duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated on information and belief; and that as to these matters, he believes it to be true. AUGUST BELMONT.

Sworn before me this 20th day of November, 1868.
GEORGE H. STARR, Notary Public, New-York City.

SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE?

A Somewhat Mysterious Case—Inquest on the Body of Timothy Dunn.

Mention has twice been made in the TIMES that TIMOTHY DUNN had been found insensible and bleeding in his store at No. 2½ Morris-street, on Thursday evening, and that he died at the New-York Hospital on Friday. It was then supposed that deceased had committed suicide, though subsequent developments seem to indicate a homicide. Coroner KEENAN yesterday commenced an inquest on the remains of Mr. DUNN, at his late residence, No. 42½ Hamilton-street, when the following evidence was elicited:

Matthew English, residing at No. 89 Henry-street, testified: Deceased was my partner in the sale of syrups and cordials, at No. 2½ Morris-street; on Thursday morning I left him, about nine o'clock, in the store to serve my customers; he was about to clean some kegs for bitters when I went away; I returned at eleven o'clock, and found the store closed; I went away again and returned about a quarter past four o'clock; the store door was then partly open; my son was with me at the time; I went in, and saw deceased sitting about the centre of the room, near the stove, in a chair; his head was over the back of the chair resting against a partition; I supposed he was asleep, and dangled the end of a whip in front of his face and against his nose and ear; I then went to pick up a demijohn that was on the floor, when my son called my attention to the fact that Dunn was bleeding; I then saw the blood, and found the pistol lying on his lap; I at once called in Albert Bellero, and then went for a doctor; the pistol belonged to me; I kept it in a closet in the back part of the store; it has been loaded since last July; I have had no difficulty of any kind with deceased, either with reference to business or otherwise; deceased wanted to sell out his share of the business and go South; we were doing a middling business; I came back to the store to get some gum syrup; deceased was taken to the New-York Hospital, and died at five o'clock P. M.

John English, a son of the previous witness, corroborated his father's testimony.

Matilda Coxen, residing at No. 4 Morris-street, testified: My place adjoins those of deceased; at about two o'clock on Thursday, P. M., I heard a pistol shot, but cannot say where it came from; in about ten minutes I heard a second report, which was much louder than the first; at noon I saw a man rapping at the store door; there is a brick wall, I think, between my place and that of deceased; we are both on the ground floor; a woman told me of some trouble outside; I went outside and discovered that deceased had been shot.

Officer Patrick Folth, of the Broadway Squad, testified: While standing at the corner of Broadway and Morris-street Mr. English informed me that there was a man dying in his store; that he thought he had committed suicide; found deceased sitting on a chair, his head leaning back and resting on the partition; it was somewhat dark; procured a light and then saw a revolver lying on his thigh; his right hand was hanging down, and his left was resting on his breast; I examined his head, and found a wound on his right temple, and the hair apparently burned; English sent his son for a doctor, who advised his removal to the Hospital.

The inquest will be resumed to-day, and an effort to obtain further facts is now being made by the Police.

Incendiarism.

The following order was issued yesterday by Superintendent KENNEDY, for the information and guidance of the Metropolitan Police:

> OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF METROPOLITAN POLICE, No. 300 MULBERRY-ST.,
> NEW-YORK, Nov. 21, 1868.
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> *To the Captains of Police:*
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> GENERAL ORDER, No. 547.—In view of the large number of incendiary fires which have occurred within a few days past, you will impress upon the members of your command the necessity of exercising at all times, whether on or off duty, the most active vigilance to discover and arrest every person that may be suspected of setting on fire, or designing to set on fire, any building within the Metropolitan District.
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> Special attention must be applied to the effectual suppression of this great crime. You will, therefore, detail such number of the members of your command, in plain clothes, as you may deem proper, to patrol dangerous districts in your precincts for the purpose of securing the arrest of this class of criminals, and having them dealt with according to law.
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> J. A. KENNEDY, Superintendent.
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> JAS. LEONARD, Inspector.

Fatal Accident on Shipboard.

About 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, DAVID FOLLOCK, Chief Engineer on board the steamship *Gulf City*, now lying at Pier No. 20, East River, was caught in the machinery and was killed before he could be extricated. The deceased resided in Hoboken, and leaves a widow and several children. The steamship is the same that was in the way of the ferry-boat *Hamilton*, and the remote cause of that disaster. The remains of the deceased were taken charge of by the Second Ward Police for inquest.

Nominations for School Trustees.

The Democratic Union Conventions to nominate candidates for School Trustees were held last night in the various wards, and resulted as follows:

Fourth Ward, Thomas White; Sixth Ward, Timothy Brennan; Seventh Ward, William Miles; Eighth Ward, Nathaniel P. West; Thirteenth Ward, Richard Evans; Fourteenth Ward, John Mulholand; Eighteenth Ward, Louis J. Kelly, long term; John Foster, short term; Twenty-first Ward, Michael Fay.

The meetings held in the other wards were adjourned without nominating.

Probable Homicide.

At 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening, JOHN CARSON, of No. 508 West Thirty-eighth-street, quarreled with his wife REBECCA and beat her so terribly that she was supposed to have died soon after. She, however, revived subsequently, though she is not expected to live. The husband was arrested.

The Erie Railroad and the City Banks.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your references, this morning, to the connection of certain City banks with the swindling transactions which have recently brought disgrace on Wall-street, tally with the general impressions except upon one point. Your statement is that one bank certified an Erie manager's check for eight millions—the truth being, as I understand, that, though the bank's certificate covered eight millions, as you say, a sum of checks were used for the amount. The result was the same, and the responsibility assumed by the bank the same. As a matter of fact, however, the slight difference in detail may be worth noticing. BROKER.

Nov. 21, 1868.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

MADE TO REFUND.—A person representing the firm of Fox & Co., Room No. 12, No. 212 Broadway, was brought before the City Marshal yesterday, on complaint of five young men, who alleged that Fox & Co. had inserted in the daily papers advertisements to the effect that they could procure situations as clerks or porters for persons desiring such positions. A number of persons applied to Fox & Co., and were told that on depositing $3 each situations would be obtained for them at once. The money was deposited, but the situations were not procured. The representative of Fox & Co. was therefore brought before the City Marshal, who compelled him to refund the amount received from the complainants. One of the parties stated that he had been referred by Fox & Co. to Mr. COONS, of No. 214 Centre-street, but on applying to that gentleman, he denied all knowledge of the firm of Fox & Co. The representative of Fox & Co. offered to prove that Mr. COONS had given them orders to supply him with help, but the City Marshal did not appear to think that the evidence was of importance.

ACCIDENTS.—THOMAS SMITH, of No. 27 Greenwich-street, fell into the East River at the foot of Thirty-second-street yesterday, and was rescued by some citizens, who removed him to Bellevue Hospital in an exhausted condition.... Mrs. HESTER BRANARD, of No. 123 Christopher-street, was knocked down and run over by a coach driven by ALFRED CLARKSON, when she sustained dangerous injuries.... CHARLES V. RODIN, aged 9 years and a deaf mute, was run over in One Hundred and Sixty-second-street, near Tenth-avenue, by the tender of Metropolitan Engine Company No. 38, which was proceeding through that street in answer to an alarm of fire at the Juvenile Asylum. The boy was taken home to the Deaf and Dumb Institute.... HERMAN BENGCHER, aged 29, of No. 235 Fifth-street, fell from a scaffold at the Park Bank, in Broadway, and sustained dangerous injuries. He was taken to the New-York Hospital .... WM. FARRELL, of No. 110 East Twenty-eighth-street, a one-armed man, was run over by a stage in front of St. Paul's Church, and was seriously injured. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.... ANN ELIZA HOBBS, aged 57, of Hudson City, N. J., was run over by a Sixth-avenue car and had her foot severely injured. She was taken to the New-York Hospital.... SUSAN PRAPT, aged 8 years, fell from a second-story window at No. 761 Third-avenue, when she sustained serious injuries about the head. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

TAMMANY AND MOZART PRIMARY ELECTIONS.—The Tammany primary elections were held in all the Wards of the City last evening. Delegates were chosen to the City Convention for the nomination of candidates for Mayor and Counsel to the Corporation, and to the various Conventions for the nomination of candidates for Assistant Aldermen, for Commissioner of Common Schools, and for School Trustees. The City Convention meets at Tammany Hall to-morrow evening. The Mozart primaries met last evening also, and elected delegates to similar Conventions. The Mozart City Conventions meet at Mozart Hall to-morrow evening.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT IN YONKERS.—During yesterday forenoon, JOHN FORSYTH, aged 14 years, amused himself in throwing a cord across the main shaft of the machinery in ALEXANDER SMITH'S carpet factory, in Elm-street, Yonkers, where he was employed. While thus engaged the cord caught, and was so rapidly wrapped around the shaft that he had an arm torn off, and his body severely injured. He is not expected to survive.

ARSON BY A CAT.—At 9:30 o'clock last night a fire occurred in the apartments of DAVID MENDOZA, at No. 304 West Fortieth-street, caused by a cat upsetting a lamp. A damage of $50 was occasioned to the furniture, no insurance. The incendiary escaped.

SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE LOST.—A discharge of HUGH WARD, late of Company D, Eighty-eighth New-York State Volunteers, has been lost. The finder is requested by Mr. WARD to leave it at this office.

SUDDEN DEATH.—LUCY CLAYTON, a native of Germany, aged 28, died suddenly last evening at her residence, No. 133 Crosby-street. The Coroners were notified of the event.

COUNTERFEITS.—The Police report that well-executed twos on the St. Nicholas National Bank of this City are in extensive circulation.

LADIES' FAIR AT TAMMANY HALL.—The ladies' fair, in aid of funds for the erection of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, which was inaugurated last Monday, has so far proved a great success. The hall has been most tastefully decorated, and the articles on sale at the various tables are not only useful and desirable, but comparatively cheap. The fair will be continued to Dec. 1, so that the charitable will have an opportunity to spend a pleasant evening and aid in a good work.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the 3d inst., as JAMES HOWARD, of No. 323 Seventh-avenue, was employed in unloading the ship *Nebraska*, at Pier No. 46 North River, he sustained severe internal injuries by a bale of cotton falling upon him. He lingered in great pain until yesterday morning at Bellevue Hospital, when death ensued. Coroner KEENAN held an inquest and obtained a verdict of accidental death.

SAW-MILL ACCIDENT.—ROBERT WILSON, aged 24, of No. 452 West Twenty-seventh-street, was yesterday caught in the machinary of C. P. HARTOUGH'S saw-mill at the foot of Twenty-seventh-street, where he was employed. He sustained severe injuries about the head and body, and was removed to Mount Sinai Hospital.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

HOW A PAINT SHOP WAS KEPT IN VARNISH.—MARTIN FOGARTY, an enterprising painter, who kept a paint store on Atlantic-avenue, appears to have had a very exceptionable way of furnishing himself with painting material, but especially with varnish. About 1 o'clock yesterday morning, Officer LAYTON, of the Forty-first Precinct, found FOGARTY secreted in the carriage factory of POST & CO., corner of Court and Schermerhorn streets, into which he had effected an entrance. He had a can of varnish in his hand when the officer caught him, and it is suspected by POST & CO. that he has visited their place in the same secret manner on previous occasions, as they have frequently missed paint and varnish before. The accused was taken before Justice CORNWELL, and committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

ANOTHER BOLD DAYLIGHT THEFT.—About noon on Friday, two or three men went into the watchmaker's shop of Mr. R. TECKITZ, on the second floor of No. 21 Court-street, and asked to be shown some chains. They were told that such articles were not kept there, and went away. In a short time they returned, the proprietor being absent at the time, and a little boy having been left in charge of the shop. On this occasion the party seized a watch of the value of $35 and fled, while another remained a little while to keep the boy in conversation. All the party escaped.

CHRISTIAN WORK.—D. L. MOODY, Esq., of Chicago, to whose personal efforts the Young Men's Christian Associations of the West have been greatly indebted for their progress and success, addressed the members of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association last evening, and will address the congregation at Rev. Mr. BARTLETT'S Church, in Elm-place, his subject being "Christian Work."

CHARGED WITH THE LARCENY OF A WATCH.—JAMES MCCLELLAN, a young man, was arrested yesterday by Officer CORTELYOU, of Police Headquarters, on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Mrs. A. D. MORALE, of No. 20 Prospect-street, who complains that he stole her gold watch, valued at $75. MCCLELLAN denied the charge of larceny, and stated that the watch had been lent to him by the lady complainant. Justice CORNWELL thereupon ordered an examination for Monday.

FIRE IN FLUSHING-AVENUE.—Yesterday morning, about 9 o'clock, the two-story and attic frame building at the corner of Flushing-avenue and Spencer-street took fire, and was considerably damaged. The fire was confined principally to the upper part of the house, but the free use of water did a good deal of destruction. The total damage is estimated at about $1,800. THOMAS KELLY, who owned the building, estimates his loss at $1,000; insured for $2,000. The loss on the grocery, kept by JOHN MYERS, was $800; insured for $1,500.

CHURCH CHARITY FOUNDATION.—The annual donation visit at the Home of the Aged and Orphans of the Church Charity Foundation, will take place on Monday and Tuesday at the Home, in Albany-avenue, at the corner of Herkimer-street.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL.—Rev. EUGENE CASSIDY, of St. Mary's Church, corner of Court and Luquer streets, will lecture in the school-room adjoining the church this evening, the proceeds to be devoted to paying for the school furniture.

DEAD INFANT FOUND IN THE STREET.—Doorman MYERHOLTZ, of the Forty-fourth Precinct, yesterday, found the body of a dead infant in Bergen-street, near Franklin-avenue.

POLICE ARRESTS.—The Brooklyn Police arrested 383 persons last week.

NEW-JERSEY.

AN ARTFUL DODGER.—Several parties were defrauded in Newark a few days since by the operations of a swindler, who represented himself to be the captain of a canal-boat, just arrived with a cargo of wood; but having found it necessary to bring with him over a dozen tons of coal, he was willing to dispose of it at a sacrifice—at $7 a ton. Several persons gave orders—a widow woman in Wyckliffe-street for two tons, another woman in the same house for one ton, and a Mr. CARMON, grocer, corner of Chatham and Condit streets, five tons. The cartman went to FOWLER'S coal-yard and ordered three tons of coal for the parties in Wyckliffe-street. He accompanied the driver of the cart, and went into the house and collected the money while the coal was being unloaded. When the driver presented his bill the true nature of affairs was then only discovered. In the meantime the prisoner had decamped, and he has not since been heard from. Mr. CARMON heard of the matter, and the attempt to swindle him proved a failure.

PICKPOCKET ARRESTED.—An unusual number of cases of pocket-picking have taken place for some time past in the different railroad depots terminating in Jersey City. This is chiefly owing to the recent withdrawal of detectives from those places. Late on Friday evening, Officer CARROL observed a gang of men surrounding a gentleman, going on the Philadelphia train, at the New-Jersey Railroad depot. The officer had his suspicions aroused, and arrested a man named CULLEN, whom he supposed to be leader of the gang. The gentleman on whom they were "working" had in the meantime left by train, but was telegraphed after, and stopped in New-Brunswick, where there found that his pocket-book had been stolen. CULLEN is held in custody, awaiting examination.

ARREST OF AN ABSCONDING CLERK.—On the 22d of October last, Mr. EDWARD G. PAGE, clerk, employed in the house of Mr. ALEXANDER B. KEYS, a liquor dealer, at No. 118 Mulberry-street, Newark, absconded after collecting money to the amount of over $500 for his employer. A warrant was issued for his arrest by Justice MILLS, and placed in the hands of Detective SMITH for execution. The defaulting clerk was not found, however, until yesterday afternoon, when he was met by him in a saloon in Elizabeth. He was brought to Newark in custody of the latter, and committed to await examination.

A SAD CASE.—A father, mother and five children left New-York on Friday morning for Baltimore, but had gone no further than Newark when they determined to leave the cars, have some breakfast, and then proceed on their journey. After getting on the platform the mother discovered that her pocket-book, containing $80 in money and the passage tickets, had been stolen